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AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

**FILE NUMBER: 100-106670**

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/7/65

CG tel 3/6/65 mentioned in attached tel relates to anonymous call received by our CG Office 3:05 a.m. 3/6/65 in which caller advised he was head KKK in Chicago and paid one of his men \$2500 to shoot Martin Luther King, Sunday, 3/7/65 when King marches on Capital (believed referred to capital of Alabama). Info in CG 3/6 tel previously furnished to Department, and our Mobile Office instructed to advise local authorities.

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MAR 24 1965  
TELETYPE

FBI CHICAGO

4:33 PM CST URGENT 3-7-65 DHK

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, AND MOBILE

FROM CHICAGO (100-35356)

UNSUB; ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL MARCH SIX, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS THREATENING LIFE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
MARCH SEVEN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. RM.

Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
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Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
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RECIBTEL TO BUREAU AND ATLANTA THREE SIX LAST AND CHICAGO  
PHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, ATLANTA AND MOBILE MARCH SEVEN, INSTANT

ANONYMOUS MALE BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH ANONYMOUS MALE  
MENTIONED IN RECIBTEL, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED CHICAGO OFFICE  
FBI ADVISED HE WAS GOING TO GET PLANE OUT OF O'HARE INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS FOR ALABAMA BETWEEN TWO AND THREE  
P.M., TODAY. HE STATED HE HAD A GUN, THAT HE HAD A MAN IN  
ALABAMA WHO HAS REV. KING SPOTTED, AND THAT HE DOES NOT CARE  
FOR THESE COMMENTS AGAINST THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. CALLER  
THEN HUNG UP. HE DID NOT EXPLAIN WHAT HE MEANT BY COMMENTS  
AGAINST THE PRESIDENT OF U.S.



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MILITARY, SECRET SERVICE AND CHICAGO PD ADVISED. CG PD  
COVERING OUTGOING FLIGHTS TO ATLANTA AND ALABAMA.

3 MAR 24 1965

BUREAU AND OTHER INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE KEPT ADVISED  
OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

LHM FOLLOWS.

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MO..JEP

FBI MOBILE

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Robert Owens  
CR 2 advised  
for memo.

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FBI CHICAGO

940AM CST URGENT 3-7-65 DLM

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO

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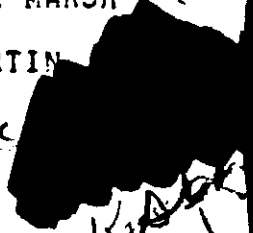
*Martin Luther King Jr.*  
*Hester*  
*Miss [unclear]*

UNSUB; ANONYMOUS PHONE THREAT AGAINST CHICAGOS MAYOR RICHARD DALEY  
THREE SEVEN SIXTYFIVE. RM

*Big [unclear]*  
*[unclear]*

RE CHICAGO TEL THREE SIX LAST. UNSUB ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL MARCH  
SIX NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, CHICAGO ILLINOIS, THREATENING LIFE MARTIN  
LUTHER KING JR., MARCH SEVEN, NINE-  
TEEN SIXTYFIVE. RM.

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[REDACTED] CHICAGO PD, ADVISED THIS OFFICE THAT EARLY  
AM, INSTANT, THEIR DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL  
THAT CHICAGOS MAYOR RICHARD J. DALEY WOULD BE KILLED IF ANY HARM  
DONE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., IN ALABAMA TODAY. CALLER THEN HUNG  
PD HAS NO SUSPECTS.

*[unclear]*  
*[unclear]*  
*[unclear]*

CHICAGO ALERTING INFORMATNTS FOR ANY POSSIBLE INFORMATION  
MILITARY AND SECRET SERVICE ADVISED.

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END

JRL

FBI WASH DC

S.A. [REDACTED] *Druck advised*  
*2 PM - 3/7/65*  
*APL*  
*Belmont*  
*Sullivan*  
*Rosen*  
*31200*  
*[unclear]*

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100 - 106670 - 1040

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to  
National Archives.

FBI

Date: 3/17/65

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via A I R T E L \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)  
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS;  
 THREAT TO KILL  
 MARTIN LUTHER KING  
 3/17/65  
 RM

*b7(c)*  
 [REDACTED]  
*SIX*

Re Chicago teletype dated 3/17/65, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith are eight (8) copies to the Bureau, one (1) to Atlanta, and two(2) to Mobile of a letterhead memorandum concerning a threat to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

It is noted that the indices of the Chicago Office are negative regarding the captioned subject.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 8)
- 1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Mobile (Enc. 2)
- 1 - Chicago

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AGENCY: [REDACTED] SER.;  
 DEPT. ISD CRD. [REDACTED]  
 DATE FORW: 3-22-65  
 HOW FORW: [REDACTED]  
 BY: S.F.P./[REDACTED]

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C. C. Wick

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1-cc & 1-cc LHM  
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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per 9803 REF/07





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
March 17, 1965

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[REDACTED] b7(c)  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; THREAT TO KILL MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, MARCH 17, 1965  
RACIAL MATTERS

At 6:05 a.m. on March 17, 1965, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Illinois, who stated that his  
telephone number is [REDACTED] Ontario, Canada,  
[REDACTED] four and a half years in Army as a commando, tele-  
phonically contacted the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau  
of Investigation and stated "Martin Luther King is a man to  
be watched. Where is he getting that garbage. I'd blade him  
if he got in my way." When asked what he meant by blade him,  
[REDACTED] stated, "I'd kill him if he got in my way, yes I am a  
threat to him. I'm not prejudiced. Have you got that written  
down? I'm sincere. I have no malice against the man. The man  
has agitated too long. I don't want a man like this. I hate  
spooks. He belongs home and has no right agitating."

[REDACTED] gave the impression to the interviewing  
personnel of possibly being intoxicated and at times was incoherent.  
The telephone call was being made from his Chicago telephone  
according to [REDACTED]

The above information was furnished to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Chicago Police Department, at  
6:28 a.m. on March 17, 1965; [REDACTED] Region I,  
113th INTC Group, Chicago, Illinois, at 6:33 a.m. on March 17,  
1965; and [REDACTED] Secret Service, Chicago,  
at 6:45 a.m. on March 17, 1965.

This document contains neither recommendations nor  
conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the  
property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned  
to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed  
outside your agency.

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100-106670-1038  
ENCLOSURE

SAC, Savannah (157-887)

3/25/65

Director, FBI (100-106670)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

1 - Mr. Baumgardner

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Reurtel 3/18/65, [Redacted] Georgia;  
Threat to Kill Martin Luther King, Jr.; Racial Matter," and b7(c)  
follow-up airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 3/19/65,  
also in the [Redacted] caption.

Reairtel failed to contain any reference, as required.  
This was in violation of one of the most elementary and oldest  
Bureau rules relating to the preparation of communications  
between field offices and between field offices and the Bureau.  
Failure to include the required reference many times results  
in a needless administrative hardship at the Seat of Government.  
This situation resulted in this instance.

It is also noted that only an original of the airtel  
was submitted to the Bureau. As you are aware, King is an  
individual of extreme interest to the Bureau; therefore, an  
original and two copies of the airtel should have been submitted.

You are instructed to bring the foregoing observations  
to the attention of the personnel responsible for the preparation  
and approval of referenced communications. They should be scored  
with form errors.

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19 MAR 25 1965

MAILED ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

*[Handwritten signature]*

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[Redacted]

Brooklyn, New York 11214

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 17th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this I am sure you will understand why I cannot make any specific comments concerning the question you asked.

I would like to point out Karl Prussion assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. His personal ventures and his opinions and comments are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

- Enclosures (4)
- Time of Testing
- St. Louis Globe-Democrat, 11-25-64
- U. S. News & World Report, 12-7-64
- U. S. News & World Report, 12-21-64

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bureau files.  
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*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

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Brooklyn, New York 11214  
March 17, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have recently seen a copy of an affidavit by one Karl Prussian, a former counter spy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He swears under oath and under penalty of perjury, that Reverend Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or wittingly has accepted support from over 60 Communist fronts, individuals, and/or organizations, which give aid to or espouse Communist causes.

After seeing this affidavit it immediately brought to my attention your recent statement addressing Reverend King as a notorious liar. I would appreciate any available information concerning Reverend Martin Luther King's affiliations.

I await your reply with earnestness.

Yours Very Truly

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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*Ack: 3/22/65  
WAM: [unclear]*

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[Redacted]  
Brooklyn, New York  
March 17, 1965

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Yours Very Truly

[Redacted Signature]

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CORRESPONDENCE

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EXP. PROC.

Director, FBI (100-442529)

3/16/65

SAC, Miami (100-15058) (P)

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On March 15, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] personally appeared at the Miami Office and advised SA [REDACTED] as follows:

[REDACTED] was convicted [REDACTED] on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, and was sentenced to three years in prison. [REDACTED] he was released from [REDACTED], with a full pardon, and then established residence in Montgomery. [REDACTED] a white male, [REDACTED] Selma, Alabama, had previously spent his entire life in the Selma, Alabama, area.

Within three or four months after his release from [REDACTED] he was visited by an [REDACTED] a former inmate who had recently been released from [REDACTED], and who is believed by [REDACTED] to be a narcotics addict. At this time [REDACTED] lived in the [REDACTED] in Montgomery. During the conversation with [REDACTED] made statements such as "...never have to work again," and "...going to antagonize to bring us money." [REDACTED] could not recall the specifics of the conversation, but from these statements, and others not recalled, made by [REDACTED] he had

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
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- 2 - Mobile (RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (Info) (RM)
- 3 - Miami (100-15058)
  - (1 - 100-15079) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)

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the impression [redacted] was asking him to join the Communist Party. The subjects of Communism, Marxism or Socialism were not mentioned during the conversations, and when [redacted] showed no interest in the subject matter, the visit was terminated by [redacted]. [redacted] again visited at the [redacted] residence shortly thereafter, but only [redacted] was home, and [redacted] did not stay.

Approximately ten years ago, [redacted] invited [redacted] to a meeting held in a Negro doctor's office, whose name is not recalled, and whose office was located on the first floor of a corner building situated about four or five blocks southeast from downtown Montgomery. This doctor was approximately fifty years old at that time.

Among the six to ten individuals present at this meeting was MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. b7c b7d

The discussion led by the Negro doctor concerned the establishing of an inter-racial radio station and dance hall in Montgomery. [redacted] said that at no time were the Communist Party, Communism, Marxism, Socialism, or the Soviet Union mentioned during the discussion. However, [redacted] said he had the impression from the atmosphere and statements of those present, whom he cannot recall, that there was more to this discussion than merely establishing inter-racial facilities. He could not be more specific concerning his impression or any statements made which caused the impression. He said it may have been occurrences after the meeting which, in retrospect, furnished him with this impression.

After the meeting was over, [redacted] castigated [redacted] for not showing more interest in inter-racial endeavors. [redacted] then made statements concerning his never having to work again, and asked [redacted] to join the Communist Party. [redacted] said he is positive that his recollection was correct and accurate, and that [redacted] used the term Communist Party as the organization which he wanted



[redacted] to join. [redacted] did not go into any other details about the Communist Party, and when [redacted] indicated he was not interested [redacted] dropped the subject. This was the last time that [redacted] has seen [redacted]. At that time, [redacted] lived near [redacted] in a light grey or white, two-story frame house, and was not known to be employed.

Also at this meeting in the Negro doctor's office were the following:

A Negro band leader, name not recalled, but known to [redacted] when both were inmates [redacted]. This band leader was especially interested in establishing the inter-racial dance hall.

A white woman, name not recalled, about 5' 5" tall, red hair, about 55 years old now, who had been married, but was then divorced or living apart from her husband, resided [redacted] Montgomery, not then employed, but formerly connected with a beauty parlor in Montgomery. b7 b7

Several months after the aforementioned meeting, this woman was particularly adamant that [redacted] join the Communist Party. [redacted] said the woman told him that if he joined her group, he would never have to work again, and that he could be "one of the local leaders in Communism." [redacted] said this woman discussed the Communist Party, but he can recall no details. He said she finally offered him \$5,000.00 to join the Communist Party, but [redacted] said he was not interested in joining. According to [redacted] this woman was related in some manner to a white man, name not recalled, who was the [redacted] department store in Montgomery, [redacted].

This Unsub male was also present at the aforementioned meeting. To the best of [redacted] recollection, this individual lived [redacted].

The only other person specifically recalled at this meeting, but not by name, was [REDACTED]. He is believed to be now affiliated with the [REDACTED].

There were several other Negroes present, about whom [REDACTED] recalled no information.

[REDACTED] said he does not recall MARTIN LUTHER KING's saying anything during the discussion, but had the impression he was rather quiet. [REDACTED] pointed out that KING was then not the national figure he is today.

[REDACTED] was thoroughly questioned concerning all information pertaining to allegations of CP membership and activity. He could not offer any additional information to substantiate his statements, and said part of his life and his associates at that time were something he had made a determined effort to forget.

His only explanation as to why [REDACTED] and the Unsub woman attempted so hard to recruit him into the Communist Party was that he was a non-drinker, and despite his prison record, a stable and serious minded individual.

[REDACTED] said his purpose in furnishing the information to the FBI was because of the racial problems in the Selma - Montgomery area, which may involve one or more of the individuals mentioned above.

Miami files reflect that in [REDACTED] was the subject of a [REDACTED] case in this office [REDACTED]. In this case, the Assistant United States Attorney declined prosecution as there was a question of reasonable doubt that [REDACTED] testified falsely [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] appeared to interviewing Agent to be a sober and emotionally stable individual; however, his recollection of past events was extremely hazy, and he appeared to rely on impressions rather than on actual

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facts presented. He was difficult to pin down as to specifics, and blamed his generalities on the passing of time. He reiterated several times that he was only interested in furnishing information so that the Bureau would have knowledge of any possible Communist influence in the Selma - Montgomery, Alabama, racial problems.

3/16/65

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1659)  
FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-529)(P)  
SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Threats to  
Assassinate Martin Luther  
King, Jr., 3/6-9/65  
RM

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum in this matter, which is being disseminated locally to intelligence agencies and U. S. Secret Service, Mobile.

The notification to Selma, Alabama Public Safety Director was by SA [redacted] b7(c)

Information copies of this letterhead memorandum are being furnished to Chicago and Detroit, as the threats involved originated in those cities.

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 8)(RM)
  - 2 - Chicago (100-35635)(Encs. 2)(Info)(RM)
  - 2 - Detroit (62-3560)(Encs. 2)(Info)(RM)
  - 2 - Mobile
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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER.;  
DEFENSE, CRD, RAO  
DATE FORW: 3-22-65  
HOW FORW: R/S  
BY: S. J. O. [redacted]

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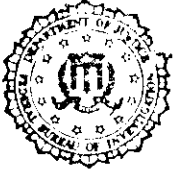
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Mobile, Alabama  
March 16, 1965

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Threats to  
Assassinate Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
March 6 - 9, 1965

At 3:05 a.m., March 6, 1965, an anonymous male individual contacted the Chicago Office of the FBI by phone, saying that Martin Luther King would be riddled with bullets when he marches on the Capitol, Sunday, March 7, 1965, apparently referring to the publicized march scheduled March 7, 1965, from Selma, Alabama to Montgomery, Alabama.

At 1:30 p.m., March 7, 1965, an anonymous male individual contacted the Chicago Office of the FBI by phone, saying he was to leave Chicago by air that date, destined for Alabama. The caller said he had a gun, and that he had a man in Alabama who had Reverend King spotted.

[REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan Police Department, advised on the night of March 9, 1965, that the Detroit Police Department at 7:20 p.m. that night received an anonymous call that two men were leaving on the same plane to assassinate "The King." [REDACTED] stated that the caller appeared to be a Negro male. It is noted that Martin Luther King was in Selma, Alabama, in connection with racial demonstrations on March 9, 1965. b7C

On March 8 and 10, 1965, information concerning these threats was furnished to [REDACTED] Selma, Alabama Public Safety Director.

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-new)  
SUBJECT: CHANGED  
ANONYMOUS THREAT TO KILL  
MARTIN LUTHER KING  
IN SELMA, ALABAMA  
ON MARCH 20, 1965  
RM

*w/c*  
*McPherson*  
*Foster*

Re Chicago teletype dated 3/17/65 captioned  
"ANONYMOUS THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING IN SELMA,  
ALABAMA ON MARCH 21, 1965, RM".

Chicago erroneously used the date 3/21/65 rather  
than 3/20/65 in referenced airtel.

Enclosed herewith are eight (8) copies of a  
letterhead memorandum for the Bureau, one (1) copy for  
Atlanta, and two (2) copies for Mobile concerning a threat  
to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING in Selma, Alabama, on 3/20/65.

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*C. C. Wick*  
*Assoc. AAG J. Walter Young*  
*3/23/65*  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
March 17, 1965

ANONYMOUS THREAT TO KILL  
MARTIN LUTHER KING  
IN SELMA, ALABAMA  
ON MARCH 20, 1965  
RACIAL MATTERS

[REDACTED]  
Chicago Police Department, advised the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at 1:29 AM on March 17, 1965, that [REDACTED] of the Chicago Police Department received an anonymous telephone call at 11:55 PM on March 16, 1965, in which the caller stated "I will kill Martin Luther King in Selma, Alabama, on next Saturday. I have made this threat previously but this time I will keep it." The above call appeared to be local in nature, according to [REDACTED] b7c

The above information was furnished to [REDACTED] Region I, 113th INTC Group, Chicago, Illinois, at 11:39 AM on March 17, 1965, and Agent [REDACTED], Secret Service, Chicago, at 1:50 AM on March 17, 1965.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES  
SUBJECT: UNSUB

MARTIN LUTHER KING

THEFT OF DYNAMITE  
BUREAU OF WATER AND POWER  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
4:00 A.M. - 2/25/65  
POSSIBLE BOMBING MATTER

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Reference is made to Bureau telephone call to Los Angeles and Los Angeles telephone call to Bureau, 2/25/65; Los Angeles teletypes to Bureau, 2/25/65; and Los Angeles airtel and letterhead memorandum, 2/26/65.

[REDACTED]

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The purpose of preparing this memorandum was to insure that the Police Department of Los Angeles, who have responsibility for the protection of MARTIN LUTHER KING, would have all information in our possession that might be of assistance to them in this duty, and also to assist them in their attempts to locate and apprehend [REDACTED] prior to any attempts on his part to commit an assault on MARTIN LUTHER KING or other individuals while in possession of high explosives and firearms.

A review of the information contained in the files of the Los Angeles Division reflects that letterhead memoranda have been prepared on [REDACTED] in the recent past; that is, 9/18/64 and 10/23/64, which were widely disseminated to Federal agencies; that is, Army, Secret Service, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division, and which reflected some of [REDACTED] activities and clearly drew a picture of irrational behavior and a propensity towards violence. [REDACTED] sphere of operation, it is to be noted, lies within the jurisdiction of the Burbank, Glendale, and Los Angeles Police Departments, and while it is realized that most of the information in our possession has come from the various police departments, no one police department has apparently coordinated its information with any of the others. The information has been furnished to the Bureau due to the effective liaison that has been established to insure that all possible bombing matters and individuals in possession of large quantities of firearms, who might pose a threat to the safety of Federal, State, and local officials, are brought to the attention of this Bureau.

The protection of individuals such as MARTIN LUTHER KING and other controversial figures, however, does not come within the jurisdiction of any Federal agency but lies with the local authorities. Information coming to the attention of the Bureau of an immediate nature, such as a threat, potential bombing, etc., of any individual citizen, is, of course, always immediately furnished to the responsible local department. However, information available concerning potential dangers, such as represented by [REDACTED] and his associates, is not furnished to the various departments for their information so that they might be aware of the potentially dangerous individual within their jurisdiction. It is

**[REDACTED]**

felt that in certain instances where good judgment dictates memoranda such as this should be prepared and furnished to the local authorities who would have the responsibility to know of such persons because of their residence, employment, or center of activity.

It is recommended that the Bureau consider the broadening of our dissemination program in connection with individuals such as this to include dissemination to the responsible local police authorities, as well as to Secret Service and other Federal agencies. This, by no means, includes the furnishing to the local police and authorities of security information such as is currently being furnished to Secret Service. This would have a tendency to preclude unfounded allegations against the FBI such as happened in the case of LEE HARVEY OSWALD at Dallas, Texas. If we have conducted investigation on an individual and it is determined he has violent tendencies or is a member or follower of a group advocating violence, to protect ourselves we should advise the local authorities. Otherwise, they are in a position to claim that we had information regarding such tendencies but did not give it to them or alert them, and thus we are responsible for the failure to prevent a crime if such has been committed.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: March 23, 1965

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MARCH FROM SELMA TO  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA,  
MARCH 21-25, 1965  
CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS

1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Hines

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Inspector Sullivan advised at 7:45 p. m., 3/22/65, that the marchers arrived at campsite number two at 5:36 p. m., CST, which is located approximately 23 miles from Selma, Alabama, at Steele's Field. This particular piece of property is owned by Rosa Steele, a Negro female, and is 15 acres in size located on Highway 80 east of Selma.

Inspector Sullivan stated that everything is peaceful and the marchers anticipate holding a meeting at 8:30 p. m., 3/22/65, and it is presumed that they will have some sort of entertainment.

Inspector Sullivan advised that Brigadier General H. V. Graham, who is in command of military coverage of the march, advised that a young unidentified Negro boy came up to him (General Graham) and advised a man dressed in the clergy garb indicated he was going to kill Reverend Martin Luther King. General Graham stated something diverted his attention and he turned around and the Negro boy disappeared into the crowd of marchers. Inspector Sullivan stated that they are attempting to locate, identify and interview this Negro boy and are pressing the matter vigorously.

ACTION:

We are continuing to follow the situation closely and the Department is being currently advised of the developments.

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Dear Mr. Hoover; It is quite apparent that some of our so called Americans are trying to turn this Country, THE LAND OF THE FREE, bah, over to the Communists, is there nothing you can do about it? I'm a Woman and I know how I'd like to handle it, over the sights of a rifle. Why don't you deport him? back to his kind instead of trying to corrupt some of the gullible people in this country with his vile and immoral ways.

Get King out of the Country and all and I mean all of this riot stuff would end. The man who could do something sits on his dignity and does nothing, I mean the President, he could put a stop to it if cared to, I think he is afraid to do anything. Mr. Hoover, I am not the only person who feels the way I do, get King out of this Country. He is a COMMUNIST. The proof is on the front of this paper. I am mailing these leaflets to a number of people.

Sincerely Yours

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*Woman's Bureau*



# MARTIN LUTHER KING.... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

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Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM: SAC, OMAHA (100-6862) (P)  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C

*B. G. [Redacted]*

Re Omaha airtel to Bureau 1/26/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM captioned as above. Two copies of LHM are furnished to Atlanta.

Information set forth in LHM was obtained [Redacted]

[Redacted] His identity is protected at his request.

Omaha will follow this matter through established sources and submit appropriate LHM.

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- 3 - Bureau (Enc.-8) (Registered Mail)
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- 2 - Omaha

*From [Redacted] Sub [Redacted]*

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AGENCY: ACTL, CHL, OLS, [Redacted] MAR 23 1965

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HOW FORW: RLS  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Omaha, Nebraska  
March 18, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

On March 15, 1965, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has indicated he will appear in Davenport, Iowa, April 28, 1965, to accept the "Pacem in Terris" peace and freedom award to be awarded to him by the Davenport Chapter of the Catholic Interracial Council (CIC). Dr. King plans to arrive in Davenport sometime on April 28, 1965, and indicated he plans to spend the night in Davenport, probably staying at the Blackhawk Hotel, Third and Perry Streets. The number of persons in Dr. King's entourage for the trip to Davenport is not yet known.

Tickets for the dinner have been on sale to members of the various civil rights groups for the past two-three weeks, and went on sale to the general public on March 15, 1965. The tickets are being sold at \$10.00 per person and CIC expects to sell about 2,000 tickets.

The "Times-Democrat," a daily newspaper published at Davenport, Iowa, on page 15 of the Monday, March 15, 1965, edition, carried an article captioned "Dr. King Fete Tickets Go On Sale." This article was as follows:

"Tickets for the Davenport Catholic Interracial Council's April civil rights dinner honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. are going on sale to the general public today, CIC officials announced.

"The dinner, which will be the occasion for the formal presentation of the council's 1965 Pacem in Terris peace and freedom award to Dr. King, will be held at 7 p.m. April 28, in the Davenport Masonic Temple.

"Dr. King, 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner, has already confirmed plans to be in Davenport to personally accept the award and address the gathering.

"All ticket sales will be handled by mail, Charles W. Toney, CIC President, stated. Tickets, which are priced at \$10 per person, may be obtained by addressing requests to CIC, Box 866, Davenport."

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

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March 19, 1965  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hines

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA,  
MONTGOMERY CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
CENTRE RECORDS; MONTGOMERY LAWS

I am enclosing for your information a memorandum setting forth a possible potential for violence in connection with the current demonstrations in Montgomery, Alabama.

This information has been furnished to the White House.

Upon removal of the classified enclosure, this memorandum becomes unclassified.

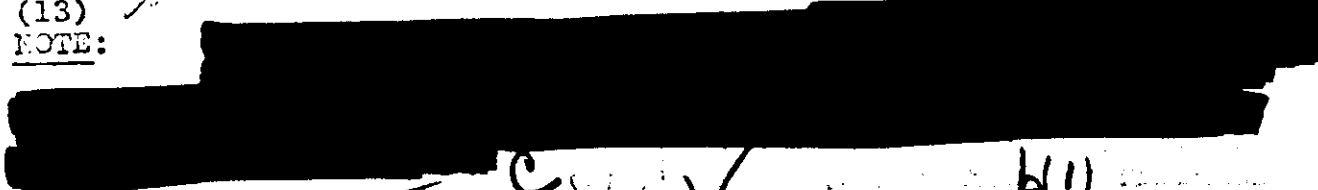
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- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)
- 1 - Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
Acting Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)

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March 10, 1965

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES

DATE 2/28/77 BY [signature]

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR  
SOUTHERN REGIONAL OFFICE  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

On March 10, 1965, a confidential source advised that the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. conferred with several of his associates including James Bevel and Henry Wackel concerning civil rights demonstrations and during the conference emphasis was placed on the existing conflict among civil rights groups and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). It was pointed out that the problem is due to the fact that SNCC has called for civil disobedience, which other groups oppose. U

The Reverend Dr. King stated that if something isn't done to curtail SNCC, there would be a race riot in Montgomery, Alabama, that so a recent church meeting James Bevel, National Secretary of SNCC, called for a "violent demonstration of our discontent." The source further advised that King advised that SNCC representatives can't be reasonable and that if civil disobedience continues, a riot will ensue. King stated that the violent and worship Malcolm X were seen by King in 1964. The source added that King felt that SNCC is in Montgomery, Alabama, to provoke violence and had a three-hour session yesterday discussing how they could get away with it. The essence of the meeting was to get somebody from SNCC killed. U

A second confidential source advised that Martin Luther King, Jr. never or later advised himself from SNCC publicly because he has nothing to gain from staying with them but that any demonstrations not take place until after the march from Selma to Montgomery, which is planned for March 21, 1965. This source also advised that King was to appear before a Congressional committee in the near future in order to testify concerning civil rights matters. U

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On March 10, 1954, Special Agent Confidential source  
[redacted] advised that no area demonstrators  
in the area of [redacted], Alabama, at the present time since there  
are no more demonstrators now for there are no facilities.

For information, Edward Martin and Henry Wechtel  
of the [redacted] advised to King. Martin is a former member of  
the [redacted] League, an organization which has been  
designated as subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK  
 SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS  
 (Bufile 100-442)  
 (Bufile 100-157)

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MEMBERS OF VOYERS, DALLAS COUNTY,  
 ALA  
 VIOLATING DISCRIMINATION

(Bufile 44-12882)  
 (Bufile 44-1108)

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On 3/12/65, reporting information that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. had made an appeal for labor leaders to join him in Selma, Ala. and was sending his assistant, ANDREW BROWN, to raise funds, and teletype of 3/14/65, re conversation of RUSTIN and KING.

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- Bureau (RM)
- Atlanta (100-5505) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (Enc. 2) (RM)
- Mobile (100- ) (CIRM) (Enc. 2) (INFO) (RM)
- New York (100- ) (MEMBERS OF VOYERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA)
- New York (100- ) (CLARENCE JONES) (#42)
- New York (100- ) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (#42)
- New York (100- ) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (#42)
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The sources of the information were [REDACTED]

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The sources who characterized individuals mentioned in the LHM are as follows:

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For the information of the Bureau, the Friends of New York is a Quaker organization.

This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from sources who have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the Communist influence thereof. In view of this information from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], it is believed absolutely necessary that this classification be used.

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1 - Mr. Floyd

b7(c) [REDACTED]

SAC, New York (100-136585)

March 23, 1965

Director, FBI (100-106670)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

ReATairtel 3/18/65, copies to New York,  
"Clarence Jones, SM - C," which forwarded a letterhead  
memorandum (LHM) of same date in the Jones caption. It was  
reported in the LHM that during a recent discussion between  
Clarence Jones and Dora McDonald, secretary to Martin Luther  
King, Jr., Jones indicated that Sammy Davis and "other  
entertainers" would give a benefit for King at the  
Majestic Theater in New York City, date unknown. Jones wanted  
permission to have the proceeds of this benefit go to King's  
church rather than King's organization, the Southern  
Christian Leadership Conference, in order to avoid paying  
taxes on it. Jones wanted McDonald to get King's approval on  
this matter.

Reairtel suggested that the Bureau consider having  
the New York Office identify the benefit to be held for King  
in New York and also consider the possibility of furnishing  
pertinent information to Internal Revenue Service (IRS)  
Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Recipient offices should be alert to additional  
information available concerning the benefit. New York should  
obtain fullest details available through established sources  
and available public sources. The Bureau should be promptly  
advised of all pertinent developments.

For the information of Atlanta, a copy of referenced  
LHM is being furnished to IRS at Washington, D. C.

2 - Atlanta (100-5586)

1 - 100-407018 (Clarence Jones)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ( 100-106670 )  
 FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD ( 100-40164 )  
 MARTIN LUTHER KING *b7c*  
 RACIAL MATTERS

On 3/6/65 *b7c* telephonically contacted W.F.O. and advised the following:  
 During the evening of 3/6/65 there was an announcement on the radio news that someone in Chicago had offered to pay an assassin \$2,500.00 for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. *b7c* said he had just talked with AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY (ABC) office in WDC and advised them that the STUDENT NONVIOLENT CORP. (SNC) would offer to pay the above assassin \$25,000.00 if he would murder the persons who were willing to pay \$2,500.00 for KING'S murder.  
 The assassin could pick up his money on Monday morning 3/8/65, by calling 387 7445 and coming to 107 Rhode Island Ave. N.W. after 9:00 A.M.  
*b7c* said he would keep Bureau advised any further developments.

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*FRANK J. [unclear]*  
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Approved: *[Signature]*  
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 Special Agent in Charge

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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100-106670-1025

[Redacted]

Walanae, Hawaii 96792

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of March 13th has been received and, while I would like to be of service to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have mentioned.

I would like to point out Karl Prussion assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. His personal ventures and his opinions and comments are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 19  
MAR 18 1965  
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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles

DTP:jms

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*[Handwritten signatures and initials: JPH, JMS, JAW, JED, etc.]*

TRUE COPY

13 March 65

Dear Sir

*Martin Luther King*

Can you verify the Statement underlined in red on the reverse side of this page I will appreciate any information that you can give me about this subject.

Thank you

[Redacted]

*b7(c)*

Waianae, Hawaii

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Thank you

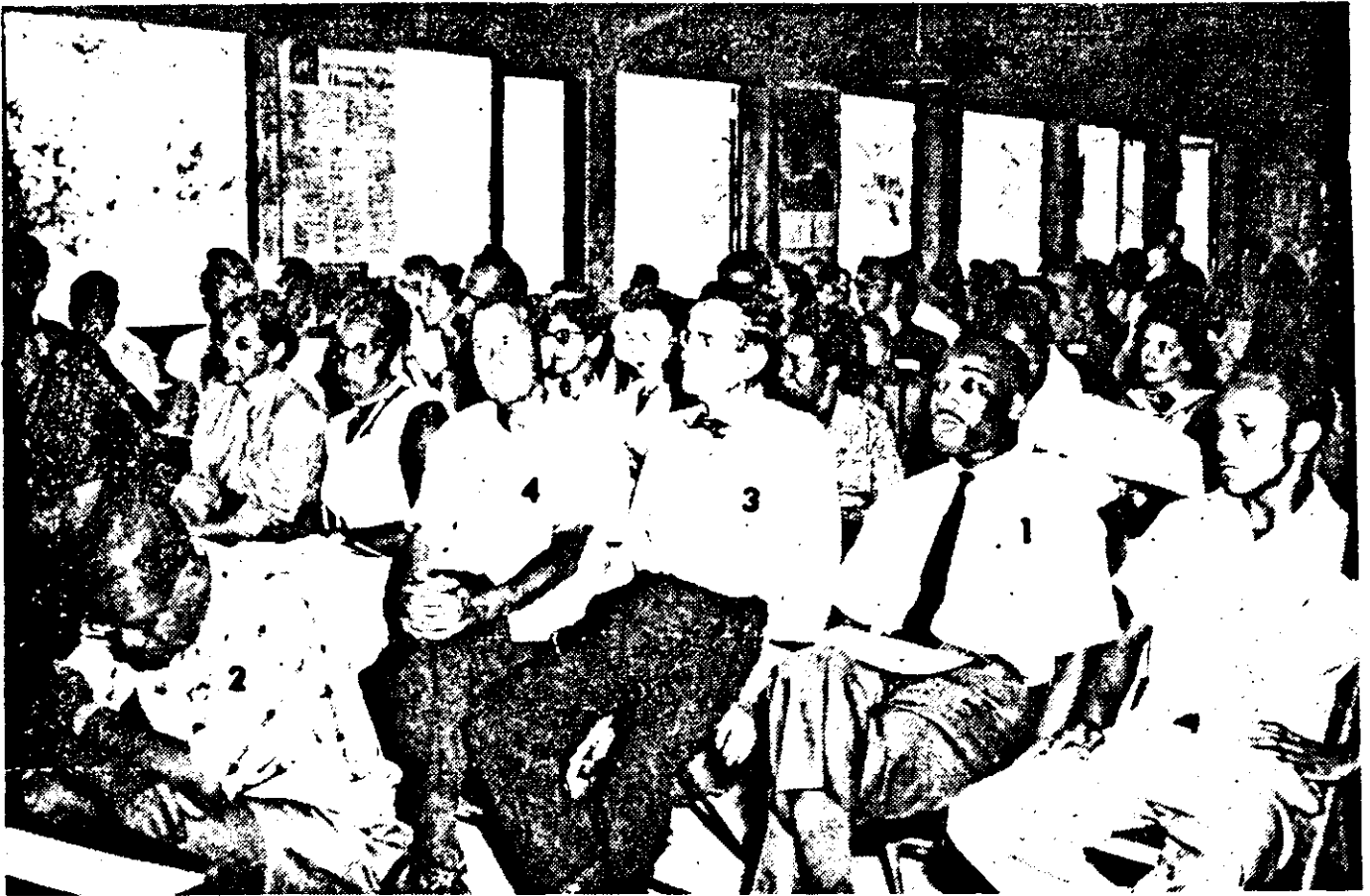
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# MARTIN LUTHER KING.... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

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Subject JUNE MAIL - Martin Luther King, Jr.

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St. Augustine, Florida

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DATE 12/16/80 BY SP4JPM/ld

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of March 15th, with enclosures, has been received. It was most thoughtful of you to send this information to me and I want you to know of my appreciation,

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate ~~one~~ <sup>correspondence from July</sup> ~~prior letter from correspondent dated 11-20-64~~ enclosing a booklet about St. Augustine, dating back to 1949.

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March 15, 1965

*Personal letter to Hoover*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*Martin Luther King*

The enclosed came to my attention here in St. Augustine and I felt you may like to have these copies for your files. .. as well as your immediate attention.

Sincerely



*b7(c)*

St. Augustine, Fla.

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COPY  ~~ENCLOSURE~~

# MARTIN LUTHER KING.... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



**PICTURED (Foreground),**

- (1) Martin Luther King of the Montgomery Boycott and the Birmingham riots, backed up by the Kennedys;**
- (2) Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party;**
- (3) Aubrey Williams, pres. of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., the Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party;**
- (4) Myles Horton, director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tenn.**

**These "four horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."**

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3-18-65

Attached reports threat on life of Martin Luther King, Jr., which information will be furnished to local authorities in Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, by Mobile. Savannah instructed to immediately furnish details to Atlanta so that Atlanta Police Department may be advised.

Dissemination also being made to Department and military intelligence agencies.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (157-112) RUC  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM - C  
OO: Atlanta

Re Milwaukee letter dated 3/2/65.

On 3/10/65 [redacted] Milwaukee, which is the last known address of [redacted] reflected in the records of the [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that she had resided at that address since 9/64. She stated for approximately one year prior to this time this residence had not been occupied by her. Mrs. [redacted] stated she was not acquainted with anyone by the name of [redacted]. She suggested that [redacted] the real estate operator who owns this particular residence, may have more information.

On 3/10/65 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that she was well acquainted with [redacted] and he had resided at the residence at [redacted] for approximately two years. He moved from that residence early in 1963 and his present whereabouts are unknown to [redacted]. She described [redacted] as a person of very low mentality who suffered from epilepsy. She stated he was not the type of person who would be antagonistic toward Negro people nor was he the type of person who had any deep political convictions. According to [redacted] got along well with Negro people who resided in the area of [redacted]. [redacted] felt that [redacted] did not have the mental capacity to know how to send a telegram.

- 3 - Bureau (100-106670) (AM)
- 1 - Atlanta (100-5586) (AM)
- 1 - Milwaukee (157-112)

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C.C. WICK

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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Since it appears as though the [redacted] who resided at [redacted] which is in the neighborhood of [redacted] is not the type of person who would send a telegram of the nature of the one in question, it is believed that no further effort should be expended in attempting to locate this person in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Since it also appears that the sender of this telegram selected an address in Milwaukee, Wis., at random as well as the name and that consequently the entire allegation in the telegram is fictitious, no further investigation is being conducted.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge



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Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
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FBI SAVANNAH

6:53PM EST URGENT 3/18/65 RCM

TO: DIRECTOR AND MOBILE

FROM: SAVANNAH /157-NEW/ 2P

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[REDACTED] VIDALIA, GA., THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
[REDACTED] RACIAL MATTER.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

[REDACTED] ADVISED  
TODAY SHE LEARNED FROM [REDACTED] SCHOOL TEACHER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED], WHITE MALE, AGE FIFTEEN, TENTH GRADE, [REDACTED]  
RAN AWAY FROM HOME WEEK BEFORE LAST AND LOCATED ATLANTA, GA. AND  
RETURNED. ON MARCH FIFTEEN LAST [REDACTED] RAN AWAY FROM HOME AGAIN,  
LOCATED YACON, GA., AND RETURNED.

[REDACTED] TOLD SCHOOL TEACHER, [REDACTED] HE WAS  
GOING TO ALABAMA TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WHEN QUESTIONED  
FURTHER BY TEACHER, HE REMARKED THAT IT WOULD BE A HELP  
TO THIS COUNTRY.

[REDACTED] IS ADOPTED SON OF DR. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] OF

56 MAR 23 1965

*[Handwritten signature: C. C. Sullivan]*

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(b7(c)) OPINION [REDACTED] MADE REMARKS TO IMPRESS TEACHER, FELLOW STUDENTS AND OBTAIN ATTENTION.

LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

SECRET SERVICE AND ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH INTC GROUP, SAVANNAH GA. BEING NOTIFIED.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM.

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TO SAC SAVANNAH

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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[REDACTED] VIDALIA, GEORGIA; THREAT TO KILL  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTER.

REURTEL MARCH EIGHTEEN INSTANT.

IMMEDIATELY FURNISH PERTINENT INFORMATION TO  
ATLANTA SO THAT ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY BE ADVISED.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/17/65

Attached reports a threat on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. Atlanta Police Department being advised. Dissemination will also be made to Department and intelligence community.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date March 17, 1965

Attached reports threat on life of Martin Luther King, Jr., which information will be furnished to local authorities in Selma, Alabama and Atlanta, Georgia.

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FBI CHICAGO

1255 PM CST URGENT 3/17/65 JLS  
 TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, MOBILE AND MOBILE (SELMA)  
 FROM CHICAGO (157-NEW) 2P

*B. G. [unclear]*  
*Mc [unclear]*

[REDACTED] CHICAGO,  
 ILLINOIS; THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, MARCH SEVENTEEN  
 INSTANT, *Re* RACIAL MATTERS

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100-106670-1018

AT SIX ZERO FIVE AM. MARCH SEVENTEEN INSTANT, SUBJECT 12 MAR 19 1965  
 TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED CHICAGO OFFICE AND STATED QUOTE MARTIN  
 LUTHER KING IS A MAN TO BE WATCHED. WHERE IS HE GETTING THAT  
 GARBAGE. I'D BLADE HIM IF HE GOT IN MY WAY ENQUOTE. WHEN ASKED  
 WHAT HE MEANT BY BLADE HIM, SUBJECT STATED QUOTE I'D KILL HIM  
 IF HE GOT IN MY WAY, YES, I'M A THREAT TO HIM. I'M NOT PREJUDICED.  
 HAVE YOU GOT THAT WRITTEN DOWN? I'M SINCERE. I HAVE NO MALICE  
 AGAINST THE MAN. THE MAN HAS AGITATED TOO LONG. I DON'T WANT A  
 MAN LIKE THIS. I HATE SPOOKS.  
 HE BELONGS HOME AND HAS NO RIGHT AGITATING ENQUOTE. SUBJECT  
 SOUNDED AS WHITE MALE, DRUNK AND AT TIMES INCOHERENT.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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CG INDICES NEGATIVE RE SUBJECT. CG PD, MILITARY AND SECRET  
SERVICE ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

OTHER STATIONS TO BE ADVISED

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN

RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1135

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Albany, Oregon 97321  
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Dr. Martin Luther King, Recipient  
Nobel "Peace" Prize Award  
Abner Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Martin Luther:

Your recent activities would indicate that you are anything but a harbinger of peace. You preach non-violence, yet you congregate mobs who feel a new-found power in numbers, which leads to violent action on their part, or by those whose territory you have invaded.

You, and other modern "carpetbaggers", have become obsessed by "civil rights", yet you have no concern for the personal and human civil rights of the residents of the communities in which you so boldly intrude.

You, and other members of the clergy, vehemently defend the rights of the separation of Church and State, yet you pressure, and interfere with, the affairs of the State!

Furthermore, you, a member of the cloth, who is to be a "shining example" for your subordinates, hold utter contempt for law and order (you stated, in effect, on nationwide television, that if you did not find it convenient to conform with the existing laws, you would disobey them). How can you expect general and official sympathy for your cause, with that attitude? And why, then, do you waste so much energy in the interest of favorable legislation?

To protect the innocent residents of the communities in which you feel free to trespass, so that they may live in "peace" and "tranquility", the Federal civil rights laws should be enforced; to wit: You, and all others, should forthwith and henceforth, cease and desist all mass demonstration and picketing, by, perhaps, groups of four or more, and all violators, especially non-residents, be prosecuted for vagrancy and other damages, to the full limit of the law!

Very truly yours,

Walter F. Fischer

cc: The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States  
The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director, F.B.I.  
The Honorable Mayor of Selma, Alabama

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS

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TELETYPE

FBI CHICAGO

305 AM CST 3/17/65 URGENT RLW  
TO DIRECTOR, MOBILE, ATLANTA, AND SELMA  
FROM CHICAGO (157-NEW)

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ANNONYMOUS THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, IN SELMA  
ALABAMA, ON THREE TWENTYONE SIXTYFIVE NEXT.

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*[Redacted]* DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,  
CHICAGO PD, ADVISED AT ONE TWENTYNINE AM THIS DATE THAT DISPATCHER  
*[Redacted]* RECEIVED AN ANNONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL AT ELEVEN FIFTYFIVE  
PM THREE SIXTEEN SIXTYFIVE IN WHICH CALLER STATED QUOTE I WILL  
KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING IN SELMA, ALABAMA ON NEXT SATURDAY.

*[Redacted]*  
*[Handwritten signature]*  
*(info)*

I HAVE MADE THIS THREAT PREVIOUSLY, BUT THIS TIME I WILL KEEP IT.

ENQUOTE

MILITARY AND SECRET SERVICE IN CHICAGO ADVISED.

LHM FOLLOWS.

END

WA...HFL

FBI WASH DC

MO...PLS CALL ME ON HOME TELEPHONE

MO CCM

FBI MOBILE

AT... ARK

FBI ATLANTA

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE VS. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
VS. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Date: 3/16/65

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)

SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Chicago, Illinois, 3/13-14/65  
RM

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*Full*

Re Chicago airtel, 3/10/65, captioned as above and Chicago tel to Director, captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM - C".

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Atlanta, one copy of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to DR. KING's visit to Chicago on 3/14/65.

It is noted that Agents of the Chicago Office monitored the 8:00 P.M. televised appearance and DR. KING's sermon made no reference to the Bureau or the government and only passing reference to racial matters.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 8)
  - 2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (Enc. 1)
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- RFB:DJS  
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AGENCY: ACCI, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER.;  
DEPT: ISD, CRD, ~~...~~  
DATE FORW: 3/19/65  
HOW FORW: *RLS*  
BY: *SEP:W*

MAR 18 1965

Approved: *[Signature]*  
66 MAR 23 1965  
Special Agent in Charge

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
219 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604  
March 16, 1965

APPEARANCE OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, MARCH 14, 1965  
RACIAL MATTERS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on March 14, 1965, that Reverend King arrived on Eastern Airlines Flight 110 at 10:50 A.M., March 14, 1965. He was taken to the VIP Room at O'Hare Field where he gave a short press conference. Reverend King departed O'Hare International Airport at 11:25 A.M., for the Liberty Baptist Church, 4849 South Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. **b7(D)**

The Chicago Sun Times, a daily newspaper, issue of March 15, 1965, page three, reflects that Doctor King's sermon at the Liberty Baptist Church dealt more with the moral problems of the United States and the world than about integration.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on March 14, 1965, that Doctor King spent the afternoon of March 14, 1965, at the Palmer House Hotel, Chicago. During the evening hours, he proceeded to Orchestra Hall, 216 South Michigan Avenue, where he appeared at the Chicago Sunday Evening Club at 8:00 P.M. His sermon on this occasion was televised. **b7(D)**

[REDACTED] further advised that following the televised program, Doctor King proceeded to O'Hare International Airport and departed on Delta Airlines Flight 93 at 10:00 P.M., which flight was to arrive at Atlanta, Georgia, at 12:32 A.M., Eastern Standard Time. **b7(D)**

At 10:56 P.M., the above information was furnished to [REDACTED] Secret Service, Chicago, and at 11:08 P.M., to [REDACTED] Region I, 113th INTC Group, Chicago. **b7(C)**

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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, Detroit (Your file \_\_\_\_\_) DATE: 3/18/65

FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial \_\_\_\_\_) Room No. \_\_\_\_\_

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(For SOG use  
only)

SUBJECT: UNSUB:  
Anonymous Threat to Kill "The King"  
Detroit, Michigan, 3/9/65  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Caption as above.
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 report  letter  90-day progress letter  will be submitted  
If already submitted, advise date and caption. 100-106670-990
- 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted. 100-106670
- 4. Status of  Appeal  Inquiry  Investigation  Prosecution
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 report  90-day progress letter by \_\_\_\_\_

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

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V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
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# Memorandum

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- 1 - DeLoach

TO : W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 3/7/65

- 1 - Sullivan
- 1 - Rosen
- 1 - Phillips
- 1 - A. Gray
- 1 - Litrento

FROM : W. A. Branigan

1 - Branigan

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Anonymous phone call, March 7, 1965, Chicago, Illinois, threatening life Martin Luther King, Jr  
RACIAL MATTER

At 2:40 p.m., today, SA [redacted] Chicago, telephonically advised that the Chicago Office had received an anonymous call from a male at 1:31 p.m. (2:31 p.m., D.C. time). The caller stated he was going to get a flight out of O'Hara Field and go to Alabama; that he had a gun with him; and had man in Alabama who has King spotted. The caller stated he did not care for the "comments" against the President of the U.S.

Agent [redacted] advised that he was telephonically advising the Atlanta and Mobile Offices concerning this call; also, he was advising the Chicago Police Department and the Secret Service and military agencies locally. Agent [redacted] further advised that one of the Chicago Agents was being sent to the O'Hara Airport to observe if anything unusual occurs there. He is forwarding a teletype to the Bureau on this.

At 3 p.m. the above information was telephonically furnished by SA [redacted], Extra Duty Supervisor, to Departmental Attorney Robert Owens, Civil Rights Division.

ACTION:

For your information. This matter is being followed closely.

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FBI

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[Redacted]

Glendora, California 91740 b7(c)

Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter of March 10th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing as well as your complimentary comments concerning my work. I can assure you I will strive to merit your continued approval.

It was certainly good of you to furnish me your observations. While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. It is hoped you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy and my inability to comment along the lines you suggested.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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**Enclosures (4)**

Our Heritage of Greatness, 12-12-64  
Counterintelligence Activities

U. S. News & World Report articles 12-21-64 and 12-7-64

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Glendora, California  
3-10-1965

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
F. B. I. Investigator  
Washington D C.

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Dear Sir: -

I have been thinking about writing you for some time - I am  
one of many - Americans who is worried sick about the awful mess our  
Country is in today -

If we didn't have the F. B. I. to look after our interest - I hate  
to think what could happen to us. - I can't help but think what a peaceful sort  
of life we lead - a few years ago, before this "Civil Rights" bill was  
passed - now everything is in such a turmoil - all over the world - what  
I can't understand - why - so many people seem to think that "Martin Luther  
King" is such a sincere, Christian, like fellowship leader - In my opinion  
he is nothing but a champion trouble maker - with racial hatred, toward all  
white citizens -

If he isn't Communist, he must have the backing of the party -  
on Sept. 5th 1964 - I was watching a late T. V. show from 10:30 Pm -  
until 1 - AM - on channel 11 - KTTV Los Angeles on this show there was  
a big group picture shown by the T. V. guest - of a communist school  
located some where in Tenn. - In this group picture was "Martin Luther  
King" as big as life - There are a lot of people feel as I do about him -  
If any white citizen was creating all this racial disturbance that he does -  
I am sure he would be the first to want them put out of existance -

The one who gave him this "Nobel Peace Prize" award needs  
a head examination In closing I wish you the best of everything - you are  
our main hope.

Your Very truly

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/s/

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Glendora, California

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Glendora, California

3-10-1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
FBI Investigative  
Washington DC

Dear Sir, I have been thinking  
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The one who gave him this  
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needs a good examination  
to see if he is Jewish you  
the best of everything. You  
are our main hope.

Yours truly

[Redacted signature]

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## Mario Savio Leads Group To Alabama

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9 (UPI)—University of California Free Speech Movement leader Mario Savio led a group of 10 persons who left here early today for Selma, Ala.

The group included a minister and several members of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) chapters.

Savio, a philosophy major at the University of California, made a nationwide tour last year following the free speech demonstration at UC.

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March 17, 1965

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Toppenish, Washington 98948

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of March 9th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested.

Your concern about the threat of communism is understandable and your desire to learn more about the nature of this menace is reassuring. I have repeatedly emphasized it is imperative for Americans to study the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy if we are to effectively resist its eroding influence. I am enclosing material which includes suggestions all of us can use in combating this evil. Perhaps you may also wish to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written in order to help readers gain an insight into the strategy and tactics of communists, both in this country and abroad. Copies may be available in your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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  - Miss Holmes
  - Miss Gandy
- Enclosures (5)**
- Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism
  - Our Heritage of Greatness
  - Communism--The Incredible Swindle
  - Domestic Intelligence
  - The Communist Menace
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Toppenish, Washington

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March 9, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

DATE 12-12-80 SPY/AMIA  
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Dear Sir:

I heard today that the second in command under Martin Luther King was picked up as an unregistered card-carrying Communist.

The word came to me from our Baptist minister who said he heard this several weeks ago when he was in California.

If you have the time, could you enlighten me as to whether or not this did occur. Also, could you send me information, whether it is a monthly fact sheet or some other form of communication, that will keep me informed so I can help keep things strong here in Toppenish.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

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Handwritten: *John*  
Honorable Earl Warren  
Washington, D. C. 20540

My dear Senator:

I received your letter of March 11, 1965  
enclosing the information from [redacted]  
Boston, Mass.

While I certainly would like to be of service  
to your committee, information contained in the [redacted] of the  
[redacted] is confidential in nature, and with  
regard to the Department of Justice. [redacted]  
[redacted] shall be [redacted] and shall not be [redacted]  
to [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

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There [redacted] [redacted] I would like  
to [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]  
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In response to your request, I am returning  
[redacted]

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

V. J. [Handwritten signature]

Handwritten initials: *EJP*

NOTE: We have enjoyed cordial relations with Senator Mansfield.  
As not identifiable in Bufiles. [redacted]

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MIKE MANSFIELD  
MONTANA

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United States Senate  
Office of the Majority Leader  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

March 12, 1965

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3/12/65*

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a letter I have received from  
[redacted] of Bozeman, Montana.

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I would appreciate any information you may be able to send me which would be helpful in replying to [redacted] inquiry, and please return his letter with your reply.

Thanking you, and with best personal wishes,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

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*9 MAR 1965*  
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[Redacted]

Bozeman, Montana  
March 3, 1965

The Honorable Senator Mike Mansfield  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

I have before me an excerpt from page four of the Augusta Courier, July 8, 1963. I received this copy, which was distributed by the "Alert Americans Association," Box 1222, L. A. 53, from a conservative friend of mine. The title of this article is "Martin Luther King....At Communist Training School."

I was shocked to read: "(...) Karl Prussion, a counter-spy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations--more than any Communist in the United States (...)."

Because this leaflet is obviously distributed by an extreme right-wing organization, I had to question the validity of its contents.

Therefore, Senator, I would like to know: if Karl Prussion was a counter-spy for the FBI, if Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations or if he has Communist leanings, if the Augusta Courier is too biased to present accurate facts, and what are the circumstances surrounding the Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

I will greatly appreciate any facts you can locate for me.

Sincerely yours,

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALABAMA  
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(Bufile 44-12831)  
(NY 44-1208)

ReNYtel of 3/6/65, captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.; IS-C", concerning conversation of CLARENCE JONES and KING about KING's meeting with President JOHNSON on 3/5/65; NY telephone call to Bureau on 3/7/65, reporting letters submitted by JONES to President and Attorney General relative to the Selma, Ala., voting drive.

- 5- Bureau (Encls.7) (RM)
  - 1- (100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.)
- 2- Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.) (Encls.2)(RM)
  - 1- (100-6670) (CIRM)
- 2- Mobile (100- ) (CIRM) (Encls.2)(INFO)(RM)
  - 1- (44-557) (REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, DALLAS COUNTY, ALA.)
- 1- New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (42)
- 1- New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (42)
- 1- New York (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (46)
- 1- New York (100-149194) (SCLC) (41)
- 1- New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (42)
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The sources of the information in the LHM and the order of their appearance are [redacted] and [redacted]

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JOHN MORRIS mentioned in the LHM is unknown to the NYO.

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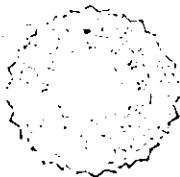
The LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] sources who have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation and the Communist infiltration thereof in Atlanta and New York, and it is for this reason that this classification is used.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 6, 1965, that Clarence Jones and Martin Luther King were in conference on that date. It was during that conference that King told of his meeting with President Johnson on Friday, March 5, 1965, at the White House. According to King, he told the President of the problems they face over voting rights. The President, King said, listened a great deal, and also did a lot of talking. U

Jones inquired of King if he had considered the statement to be prepared in connection with his (King's) participation in the "march" (alluding to the Civil Rights March from Selma, Alabama, to Montgomery, Ala., on Sunday 7, 1965). King replied that Bayard (Rustin) would prepare it. U

According to King, an aid to Governor Wallace of Alabama had said the march would not be permitted. King said that in view of that statement, Jack Greenberg (Director of the Legal Defense and Education Fund of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP), had been consulted, and was preparing to go into court if they were prohibited from marching. King was of the opinion that they would be stopped, the source stated. U

On March 6, 1965, the same source, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Andrew Young on that date. Jones said that he wanted to make certain that Young had received a copy of the memorandum which is going out from either Bayard (Rustin) or Harry (Wachtel). In response to this Young said he had not received it. Jones said he would get it to Young in order that it would be presented to Martin (Martin Luther King, Jr.) for his approval. U

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Young mentioned to Jones that Harry and Bayard really did not understand "our" role in the leadership conference and Jones indicated that he was inclined to agree with this. In connection with this, Jones said that he took them to task, and he said there is a great deal of education, which has to be done. Jones said that he was very upset with trends that he sees, primarily in attitude and approach on the part of Harry and Bayard, and Jones said that he told them so. U

Jones stated that with respect to the initial proposal memorandum which was to be sent out in answer to the memorandum by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), it was the most divisive thing that he (Jones) could think of to be done. Jones remarked that what they all agreed on was the wording which removed all of the objectionable qualities so that any additional memorandum or document which comes from Martin comes as a constructive thing and not as a argumentative rebuttal trying to "scuttle" SNCC. U

Jones stated that another thing about which he wanted to talk to Young and would like to have Young discuss it with King was that there probably had occurred many things that Jones was not aware of; and continuing, Jones said that the net result was that Harry and Bayard do not accord to Young and Walter (Walter FauntROY, Director of the Washington Bureau of SNCC) an appreciation for the judgments that can be made in connection with the role of Martin and the SNCC and the Leadership Conference. Young indicated that he agreed with this. Clarence Jones stated that more particularly was the expressed feeling that the representation to the SNCC as far as Walter was concerned was not adequate in the Leadership Conference. Young mentioned that he thought "he" (Walter) needed help; Jones remarked that was something else and that they could always supplement our people inasmuch as no one is considered an expert on a thousand things, but he said that the point that he was raising was the failure to appreciate the role of key persons in the SNCC structure. Young replied that Walter was really mad about this, and Jones said he could see that. Jones said that after Martin, Walter and Andy Young had left (the Research Committee meeting on March 5, 1965), Jones said that he had to pull rank on his experience and other than Bayard and Cleve (Cleveland) Robinson, U

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Secretary-Treasurer of District 65, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, AFL-CIO), he, (Jones), knew the people of the SNCC better than anyone else and had worked with them for the longest period of time. Jones said that they should not be misled because Walter Fauntroy was small in stature and quiet, because he stated that he (Fauntroy) is a powerful person. Jones mentioned that he had seen Fauntroy operate, and he said that they should supplement and strengthen him and not say that he had to be discarded. U

Andy Young stated that he had avoided making a statement on this publicly but that he would go at the first chance out to Harry's home and talk with him because Lucy (Lucy Wachtel who is also known as Leonora Wachtel, the wife of Harry Wachtel) can keep him straighter than anyone. Jones stated that he thought it should be discussed privately but that what is really needed is to have a full frank discussion of this question. U

Clarence Jones stated that there was a period when he could not attend the meetings and that apparently a lot of things happened in which Bayard and Harry assumed the attitude that they knew everything and that everyone should do as they say. Jones said this was not how to develop leadership inasmuch as everyone makes mistakes. Young said that they did not know what to do about this, and he stated that right now they were caught up trying to deal with Governor Wallace (Governor George Wallace of Alabama) and that one hates to protect his own flanks against his own. Young said that something would be worked out. U

Young stated that he, Martin and Walter agreed that SNCC used language which was too strong, but he indicated that it should remain as it is. He stated that the people in the Leadership Conference know that this is not the attitude of Martin and Walter and in view of this they did not need to correct it. Young stated that it was better for "us" to be in the middle and Jones interjected between the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Urban League and SNCC. Young agreed with this. U

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Jones told Young that he would be in touch with Bayard and Harry about the statement with respect to the limited participation of Martin and Jones explained that they had agreed that there should be some statement concerning Martin's limited participation in the march (the march on March 7, 1965 from Selma, Alabama to Montgomery, Alabama to protest for civil rights). Young said that it appeared as though the march would be stopped and that they would go into court. He said that Greenberg (Jack Greenberg, of the NAACP, Legal Defense Fund) was set to go into court on Monday (March 8, 1965). Young said that they would probably just march out tomorrow (March 7, 1965) and then turn around and come back. He stated that they really only have another week to deal with everything. U

On Sunday morning, March 7, 1965, the same confidential source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones sent day letters to the President of the United States and to the Attorney General of the United States on that date. The text of the letters as furnished by the source were as follows: U

"Report Statement of Governor George C. Wallace of Alabama, instructing Colonel Al Lingo of Alabama State Police 'to take whatever steps are necessary' to prevent planned peaceful march of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, to petition for redress of grievances of Negro citizens of Alabama, against discriminatory barriers to exercise-----of elective franchise is open invitation for commission of acts of violence against person of Dr. King. U

"Callous racism of Governor Wallace and Colonel Lingo and their direct and indirect support of brutal acts of repression against Negro matters of public record acts of brutality committed by Colonel Lingo and state troopers in May 11-13 1963, in Birmingham, Alabama, in an effort to destroy bi-racial accord reached in that city must not be forgotten. Acquiescence of Colonel Lingo and Governor Wallace to numerous unsolved bombings Negro churches, homes, murder of Birmingham girls at Sunday School September, 1964, and other acts of violence against Negro citizens fill many shameful, bloody pages in the history of our country. Serious injury or murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. would

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irreparably destroy confidence millions of Negro citizens from Harlem to Mississippi in efficacy of non-violence as means to achieve full equality within context of our constitutional system of Government. Respectfully urge you dispatch federal marshals to location of proposed march in Alabama, by Dr. King and associates to insure maximum protection for Dr. King and persons participating in march. Signed Clarence B. Jones, Special Counsel, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." U

On the night of Sunday, March 7, 1965, the same source advised that a conference between Clarence Jones, Martin Luther King, Andrew Young, Ralph Abernathy (Secretary-Treasurer of the SCLC, and Hosea Williams (Special Project Director of the SCLC) took place that night. The purpose of the conference, according to the source, was to consider what course of action they should pursue in Alabama in view of the violence that took place earlier that day in Selma, Alabama, when Negroes started their march to the state capital in Montgomery. U

According to the source of the information, there was much discussion and argument on what type of action King should take. Finally King decided on two points: That efforts must be made to get many people to go to Alabama on Tuesday to join them in their march; and that Washington should be flooded with telegrams protesting the evils of Alabama. King remarked that groups throughout the nation must be contacted to insure that their next attempt to march will have the support of the entire country. U

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Among the tactics agreed upon by the group was the issuance of a statement to the press, and in that regard, heard a statement which had been prepared by one John Morris (phonetic) which he had distributed to the clergy of the nation. After hearing the statement, King agreed that it should be distributed to the press of the nation. U

On Monday, March 8, 1965, "The New York Times", page 20, column 1 carried an article captioned "Dr. King Announces Plan for New Walk and Assaults Attack. In the article King is reported to have announced plans last night (March 7, 1965) to begin another march Tuesday (March 9, 1965) from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, and to seek a court order barring Alabama from interfering. U

King, the article said, was calling on "religious leaders from all over the nation to join us on Tuesday in our peaceful, non-violent march for freedom". U

The article reports that King said: I am shocked at the terrible reign of terror that took place in Alabama, today. Negro citizens engaged in a peaceful and orderly march to protest racial injustice were beaten, brutalized and harassed by state troopers, and Alabama revealed its law enforcement agents have no respect for democracy nor the rights of its Negro citizens". U

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel  
to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,  
15 East 40th Street, New York, N.Y. U



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The Labor Youth League has been designated  
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Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York. U



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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto. U



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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC. UVE

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states. U

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957. U

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958. U

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates X (u)

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and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. X (u)

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964. U

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THE NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following information concerning "The National Lawyers Guild": U

1. Cited as a Communist front.

(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 140). U

2. Cited as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents." (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 345 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.) U

3. "To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under attack these offer a bulwark of protection." U

(National Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Hearings for Americans, S. 100, 117, April 26, 1950, p. 31). U



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Re airtel from the Bureau to Albany and all offices dated 2/15/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 18 copies of LHM regarding North information concerning the formation of "Citizens Committee to End Violence in Vietnam and Alabama". Two copies of the LHM are being furnished to Atlanta for information because of the contact by the new committee with MARTIN LUTHER KING. Two copies are being furnished to Birmingham and two copies to Mobile for information because Alabama is the center of the objective of the new committee where violence is to be ended.

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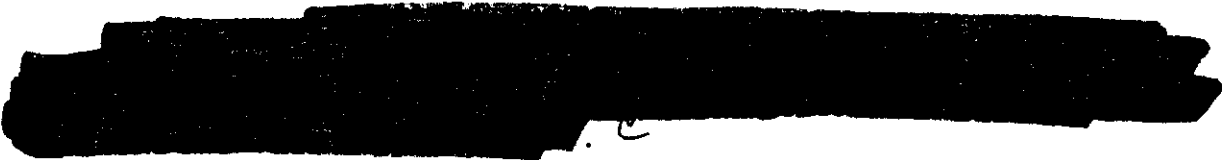
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One copy of the LHM is being furnished to Secret Service, Los Angeles, and one copy to the 115th INTC, Region II, U. S. Army, Pasadena, California.



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Organizations mentioned in the LHM which appear as possible sponsors of the vigils and for which a copy of the LHM is being furnished the Bureau are listed below:

1. National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee, Los Angeles 100-59609, Bureau 100-433447
2. Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms, Los Angeles 100-41016, Bureau 100-387548
3. Women's International Strike for Peace, Los Angeles 100-61745, Bureau 62-107350
4. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Los Angeles 100-57229, Bureau 100-106670
5. Women for Legislative Action, Los Angeles 100-43513, Bureau 100-395144
6. Congress of Racial Equality, Los Angeles 105-255, Bureau 100-442649
7. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Los Angeles 100-5589, Bureau 61-3176
8. Ad Hoc Committee to End War in Vietnam, Los Angeles 100-66380, Bureau file unknown.

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Los Angeles recommends the activities of the new committee being pursued until it is determined whether "Citizens Committee to End Violence in Vietnam and Alabama" is a permanent committee or only an ad hoc committee; further, until such time as the identity of the organizations participating with this new committee are identified. Los Angeles is opening a new 100-file for this purpose.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Will report the identity of persons affiliated with the new committee and participating in the demonstrations described in the LHM and the identity of the organizations involved.



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Los Angeles, California  
March 10, 1965

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DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING  
U.S. INTERVENTION IN VIETNAM

On March 8, 1965, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that the "Citizens Committee to End Violence in Vietnam and Alabama" was formed on March 8, 1965, during the course of the meeting of peace and civil rights group leaders in the office of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms (See Appendix) and the Los Angeles headquarters of the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (See Appendix), 555 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Source advised that the purpose of the organization is to immediately prepare plans for daily vigils which will start on Thursday, March 11, 1965, and last for a period of approximately two weeks. The vigils are scheduled to begin at 9:30 A.M. each day, at Westwood and Wilshire Boulevards, West Los Angeles, California, and last until 5:30 P.M. each day except Sunday. Source stated that the men participating in the vigil would wear black armbands and the women will dress in black dresses. Appropriate placards will be carried by those participating in the vigil which will be maintained in absolute silence.

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Source advised that the site of Westwood and Wilshire Boulevards in West Los Angeles was selected in an effort to elicit interest of students at the University of California at Los Angeles and the interest of individuals who live in that community which the committee considers an above-average community.

Source advised the idea for the vigil was attributed to Ida Stein, of the Women's International Strike for Peace.

Source advised one of the first acts of the new committee was to send a telegram to Martin Luther King, advising him of the formation of the committee and the fact the vigils would begin shortly. Source advised special delivery letters were in the process of being prepared and would be distributed to civil rights and peace groups throughout the Southern California area, including Women for Legislative Action (See Appendix), Congress of Racial Equality, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and other such organizations. It was also advised that the person to be contacted by these organizations is Cecile Le Sur.

On March 9, 1965, at 10:40 A.M. [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] 115th INTC, Region II, United States Army, Pasadena, California, was advised of the above facts.

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APPENDIX

CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE AMERICAN FREEDOMS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations", revised, December 1, 1961, pp. 43-44, describes this committee as follows:

"The Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms \* \* \* specializes in propaganda aimed at abolishing the Committee on Un-American Activities and discrediting the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Created in Los Angeles in 1952, the front organization is run by FRANK WILKINSON, an identified Communist who recently resumed the full-time paid post of executive secretary after approximately a year's leave of absence to assist in a similar campaign by another front in New York City, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

"When the Committee on Un-American Activities held hearings in Los Angeles, September 2-5, 1958, to inquire into the nature of the Party's recent reorganization in California, the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms sponsored a series of public meetings to protest the hearings and the very existence of the Committee. Communists subpoenaed as witnesses were guests of honor.

"At this time, leaders of the party's Southern California District, were mobilizing Communists in the area for participation in an intensified campaign to abolish this committee of Congress. How the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms served the party in this effort was revealed by (Communist Party) District Chairman DOROTHY HEALEY in a report to the party's Southern California District Council on September 21, 1958. Mrs. HEALEY declared that the party preferred public protest meetings to be held by the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms rather than under party auspices because Communists could attend without danger of being exposed as members of the party. She also noted that Communists scheduled as congressional committee witnesses could not appear beforehand at openly Communist rallies without creating the impression that the party was conspiring with witnesses to withhold information from the committee."

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 259 on the Southern California District of the Communist Party, April 3, 1959, pp. 7 and 8.)

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO  
ABOLISH THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued December 1, 1961, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, page 115, contains the following citation regarding the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

"Cited as a 'new organization' set up in the Summer of 1960 to lead and direct the Communist Party's 'Operation Abolition' campaign. Seven of the national leaders of this group have been identified as Communists.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1278 on the Truth About the Film 'Operation Abolition,' Part 1, October 3, 1961, p. 5)"

A source has advised that the NCAUAC changed its name on March 3, 1962, to include the word "House" in its name, thereby becoming known as the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NCAHUAC). A national meeting of this organization was held in Chicago, Illinois, on April 27 and 28, 1963.

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WOMEN FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

A source advised on May 1, 1963, that the Women for Legislative Action was formed in 1952, claiming to be an independent organization dedicated to non-partisan participation in legislative and civic activities. Its position in favoring or opposing legislation usually parallels the position of the Communist Party and related groups. It also supports legislation to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Membership in the Women for Legislative Action does not, of itself, connote membership in or sympathy with the Communist Party.

Another source advised on May 21, 1964, that the Women for Legislative Action continues to be active in the Los Angeles area.

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Re New York teletype of 3/4/65, captioned, "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C", in which information reported that OSSIE DAVIS and CLARENCE JONES conferred about KING's safety.

Enclosed are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned and dated as above; two copies are furnished the Atlanta Office.

The sources of the information in the letterhead memorandum are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ sources close to CLARENCE JONES. b(2) b7(D)

Sources who characterized individuals in the letterhead memorandum are as follows:

- 5 - Bureau (100-442529) (Encls. 7) (RM)
  - (1 - 100-438794) (COMINFIL SCLC)
  - (1 - 100-106670) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
- 2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encls. 2) (Info) (RM)
  - (1 - 100-6670) (CIRM)
- 1 - New York (100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (41)
- 1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (42)
- 1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (42)
- 1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (42)
- 1 - New York (100-113220) (OSSIE DAVIS)
- 1 - New York (100-153735) (42)

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The Agents who observed MARTIN LUTHER KING enter the Americana Hotel, were [REDACTED]

The Agents who observed STANLEY LEVISON enter the hotel were [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] observed him enter the hotel room. All of these Agents saw him leave the hotel. b7(c)

SAS [REDACTED] observed CLARENCE JONES enter and leave the hotel.

OSSIE DAVIS was observed entering and leaving by SAS [REDACTED]

From observation by Special Agents of the New York Office, KING was afforded personal protection by the New York City Police Department when departing and returning to the Americana Hotel. A detail of police, including a uniformed captain, six uniformed patrolmen and at least six plain clothes detectives were observed in the immediate area of KING. Furthermore, several of these officers entered the hotel elevator with KING. It appeared that they actually accompanied him to his room, number 4323.

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This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], sources who have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and the Communist infiltration thereof. In view of this, it is deemed necessary that this classification be utilized.

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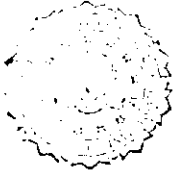
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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New York, New York  
March 5, 1965

Bureau 100-442529

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on March 2, 1965, that Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones were in contact on that date. Their contact, the source said, was in regard to an appointment with Martin Luther King, Jr., (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC), while in New York City. Jones said he had "set aside Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (March 3, 4, 5, 1965) for King to see "us" (Levison and Jones). Jones said he would let Levison know more about their plans as soon as he found out. (u)

On the night of March 3, 1965, the same confidential source advised that Clarence Jones was in contact with Ossie Davis (noted Negro actor and playwright) on that date. Their contact, the source said, was in regard to King's safety. (u)

Davis said that he desired that President Johnson's attention be called to recent threats on King's life, and urge that he move to protect his life because "we cannot afford to lose him at this juncture". He said "their" request should be dramatically made, pointing out that King was doing a job that the United States Government should be doing; and state that it was mockery to talk about protecting freedom in South Viet Nam, when the "one man who is defending it in Selma, Alabama, is in jeopardy". (u)

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Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters

Davis said that King had suggested that calls be made to the President, the Attorney General and J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), to inform them that his life was in jeopardy. Jones submitted the following proposals of action for consideration: the submission of an open letter to the President, to the Attorney General and to Mr. Hoover, subscribed to by "opinion makers", whom the President would respect because of their stature in the civil rights field; the submission of a telegram to the Attorney General, subscribed to by about ten nationally prominent people in the civil rights field; and have a group of responsible people request an appointment with the Attorney General, at which time they could voice their fears. U

Jones said he was to meet with King on March 4, 1965, at the Americana Hotel, New York City, at which time those proposals would be presented for King's approval. U

On March 4, 1965, another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Clarence Jones and Bernard Lee (Assistant to King) were in conference regarding an appointment for Jones with King. Jones stressed the importance of a meeting with King since he had a lot of things to talk over. Lee told Jones to come to King's hotel room 4323, at the Americana Hotel at 1:00 PM, because by that time King should be back from the Hilton Hotel, where he was addressing a meeting of Jewish women. U

On March 4, 1965, at 12:40 PM, Special Agents of the FBI observed Martin Luther King enter the Americana Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 52nd Street, New York City. U

On March 4, 1965, at 12:31 PM, Special Agents of the FBI observed Stanley Levison enter the Americana Hotel, Seventh Avenue and 52nd Street, New York, New York, walk to the house phone and ask for the room of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. After talking on the phone, Levison went on the hotel elevator to the 43rd Floor, then entered room 4323 at 12:36 PM. U

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Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters

At 1:25 PM, March 4, 1965, Special Agents of the FBI observed Clarence Jones enter the Americana Hotel and take the elevator that serviced the 43rd floor. u

On March 4, 1965, at 3:20 PM, Special Agents of the FBI observed Ossie Davis enter the Americana Hotel and take the elevator that serviced the 43rd floor. He departed at 3:42 PM. u

Special Agents observed Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones leave the Americana Hotel at 3:55 PM; Andrew Young was observed leaving at 4:00 PM. u



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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel  
to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights,  
15 East 40th Street, New York, N.Y. U

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The Labor Youth League has been designated  
pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

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# Memorandum

Mr. A. R. Belmont

DATE: March 3, 1965

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*[Handwritten initials/signature]*

*[Handwritten notes: "per Smith", "M. Jones"]*

FROM: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY  
WEST POINT, NEW YORK

On Friday evening, April 16, 1965, I will be giving my annual lecture before the cadets of the U.S. Military Academy of West Point, New York. This lecture has been given annually since 1955.

Over the years I have made two or three very good Bureau contacts at West Point, one being [redacted] is cleared for "Top Secret" b7(c). [redacted] is a very discreet man. In view of this, my suggestion is that I be permitted to explain to [redacted] some of the basic facts concerning Martin Luther King, Jr. By doing this, it would prevent West Point from giving any invitation to King to lecture before the cadets. The way that King is moving ahead now and giving talks, it won't be long before he will be getting invitations from military and war colleges unless we take the proper steps to prevent it.

RECOMMENDATION:

Unless advised to the contrary, I will confidentially advise Colonel Lincoln of the facts concerning King's connections with communism [redacted] b7(c)

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. M.A. Jones
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. J.A. Sizoo
- 1 - Mr. R. W. Smith

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-66658) (P)  
SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING U. S. INTERVENTION IN VIETNAM INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re airtel from the Bureau to Albany and all offices dated 2/15/65, and airtel from Los Angeles to the Bureau dated 3/10/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 18 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) setting forth information concerning the first day of the vigil by Citizens Committee to End Violence in Vietnam and Alabama (CCEVVA). Details of this new committee were set forth in referenced airtel from Los Angeles. A copy of instant LHM is being furnished the Bureau for each of the following Bureau files: 100-433447, 100-387548, 62-107354, 100-106670, 100-395144, 100-442649, 61-3176, 100-Ad Hoc Committee to End War in Vietnam.

- (3) - Bureau (Enc. 18) (AM - REGISTERED) ENCLOSURE
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- (1 - 100-43513) (1 - 105-255)
- (1 - 100-5589) (1 - 100-66380)
- (1 - 100-63111) (1 - 100-66547)
- (1 - 100-66604) [redacted]

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DATE FORW: 5-16-65  
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The identities of the organizations participating in the vigil have not thus far been established.

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Two copies of the LHM are being furnished Atlanta, Birmingham, and Mobile for information because of the information in referenced airtel from Los Angeles pertaining to MARTIN LUTHER KING and the stated purpose of the CCEVVA to end violence in Alabama.

One copy of the LHM is being furnished to Secret Service, Los Angeles, and the 115th INTC, Region II, U. S. Army, Pasadena, California.

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The Los Angeles Office at Los Angeles, California, will follow this matter to identify the organizations and individuals participating in the vigil.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California  
March 12, 1965

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DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING  
U. S. INTERVENTION IN VIETNAM

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that the Citizens Committee to End Violence in Vietnam and Alabama (CCEVVA) had trouble getting people to march in the vigil planned by that organization to begin on March 11, 1965. Because of this difficulty it appeared for a time that the vigil would not materialize.

Source stated the vigil took place, but information has not been released concerning the organizations and individuals participating in the vigil.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that the vigil by CCEVVA took place on the northeast corner of Wilshire and Westwood Boulevards, Los Angeles, California, on the sidewalk adjacent to the Kirkeby Building, 10339 Wilshire Boulevard. Source stated there were one unidentified male and approximately sixteen unidentified females carrying picket signs pertaining to Vietnam. The picket signs did not designate the organization responsible for the vigil.

[redacted] stated the vigil was orderly and there were no incidents.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)  
SUBJECT: UNSUB; Anonymous Telephone  
Calls, Chicago, Illinois,  
3/6 and 7/65, Threatening  
the Life of MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, Jr.  
RACIAL MATTERS

*Blair*  
*K. A. Khan*

Re Chicago teletypes dated 3/6 and 7/65, above captioned, and Chicago teletype dated 3/7/65 captioned, "UNSUB; Anonymous Telephone Threat Against Chicago's Mayor RICHARD J. DALEY, 3/7/65, RACIAL MATTERS."

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original and seven (7) copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum concerning the captioned subject matter and that set forth in referenced Chicago teletype 3/7/65 concerning Chicago's Mayor DALEY. The subject matter of these teletypes has been incorporated into one letterhead memorandum because of the similarity of the information involved.

For information, an employee of the Chicago Office, present on the occasion of both anonymous telephone calls to the Chicago Office felt that the same individual was responsible for both these calls, due to the similarity in voice and a distinct hoarseness and tonal quality.

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Chicago, Illinois  
March 8, 1965

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ANONYMOUS  
TELEPHONE CALLS, CHICAGO,  
ILLINOIS, MARCH 6 AND 7, 1965,  
THREATENING THE LIFE OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
RACIAL MATTERS

At 3:05 A.M., March 6, 1965, an anonymous male individual telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This individual stated that he was "head of the KKK in Chicago," adding that he had already paid one of his men \$2,500 to riddle Martin Luther King with bullets on the following day, Sunday, March 7, 1965, when King marches on the capital. This is believed to be a reference to Montgomery, the capital of Alabama.

This caller also stated "Anyone who tells the President what to do is going to get it." No explanation for this latter remark was offered and the caller then hung up.

The below listed individuals were furnished the above information at the time indicated:

[REDACTED]

Region I, 113th INTC Group,  
Chicago, 3:33 A.M., March 6, 1965

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Officer of Deputy Superintendent,  
Chicago Police Department,  
3:40 A.M., March 6, 1965

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ANONYMOUS  
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ILLINOIS, MARCH 6 AND 7, 1965

[REDACTED] b7(c)  
United States Secret Service,  
Chicago, 3:44 A.M., March 6, 1965

At 9:05 A.M., March 6, 1965 [REDACTED] b7(c)  
Office of Deputy Superintendent, Chicago Police Department,  
advised the Chicago Office of the FBI that a short time  
earlier this date the Chicago Police Department had received  
an anonymous telephone call to the effect that Chicago's Mayor  
Richard J. Daley would be killed if any harm was done to Martin  
Luther King, Jr. in Alabama today. The anonymous caller then  
hung up.

It should be noted that information concerning receipt  
by the Chicago Office of the FBI of the anonymous telephone  
threat against Martin Luther King has been made available by the  
Chicago Police Department to various press media in Chicago.

[REDACTED] advised that the telephone call threatening the  
life of Mayor Daley was undoubtedly prompted by the wide-spread  
press and radio dissemination of this information. [REDACTED] b7(c)

[REDACTED] advised that the Chicago Police Department has no suspects  
in this matter, however, were providing heavier protection for  
Mayor Daley as a result.

The information furnished by [REDACTED] was b7(c)  
furnished subsequently to [REDACTED] United States Secret  
Service, Chicago, and [REDACTED] 113th INTC Group, Chicago.

At 1:30 P.M., March 7, 1965, an anonymous male individual  
telephonically contacted the Chicago Office of the FBI and stated  
that he was going to get an airplane out of O'Hare Airport, Chicago,  
between 2:00 and 3:00 P.M. this date, destined for Alabama. The  
caller stated that he had a gun and that he had a man in Alabama  
who has Reverend Martin Luther King spotted. The caller continued  
that he did not care for "these comments against the President of  
the United States," then hung up. There was no explanation as to

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ANONYMOUS  
TELEPHONE CALLS, CHICAGO,  
ILLINOIS, MARCH 6 AND 7, 1965

what was meant in the reference to comments against the President of the United States. It is believed possible that this individual is identical with the anonymous male caller to the Chicago Office of the FBI at 3:05 A.M., March 6, 1965, threatening the life of Reverend Martin Luther King.

[REDACTED] Office of Deputy Superintendent, Chicago Police Department was furnished the substance of the above information from this anonymous caller at 1:48 P.M., March 7, 1965. He advised that the Chicago Police Department would immediately cover all pertinent outgoing flights from O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, which might have a bearing on this matter

[REDACTED] United States Secret Service, and [REDACTED] were also subsequently furnished with details of the above information, at 1:55 p.m. and 2:02 p.m., respectively.

At 10:30 A.M., March 8, 1965, [REDACTED] Chicago Police Department, advised the Chicago Office of the FBI that there had been no additional developments resulting from the coverage by the Chicago Police Department at O'Hare International Airport the preceding day. In connection with the reference made to the KKK, above, in the initial call in this matter to the Chicago Office of the FBI, [REDACTED] advised that there is no information at present in the possession of the Chicago Police Department indicating the existence of a chapter of the Klu Klux Klan in Chicago and the Chicago Police Department has developed no information indicating the existence of such an organization in the Chicago area for many years. [REDACTED] stated he felt a strong possibility existed that the individual who initiated the two anonymous telephone calls to the Chicago Office of the FBI, one on March 6, 1965, and the other on March 7, 1965, concerning Martin Luther King, was either mentally unbalanced or was a practical joker.



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TELEPHONE CALLS, CHICAGO,  
ILLINOIS, MARCH 6 AND 7, 1965

The Chicago Police Department was taking no additional action in this matter other than to continue for a brief period of time its increased protection for Chicago's Mayor Daley.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date March 15, 1965

Attached reports information from the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C., concerning a threat to kill Martin Luther King, Jr. Secret Service, Washington, D.C., has been advised. We are having local authorities in Selma, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia, advised as person making threat indicated she intended to go to Alabama to kill King.

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Date: 3/13/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-New)

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**[REDACTED]** b7(c)  
THREAT TO KILL REVEREND MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM  
RACIAL MATTERS  
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Attached for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM,  
relative to the above-captioned matter.

Copies furnished Mobile for dissemination deemed  
advisable to appropriate local and state authorities and  
United States Secret Service, Mobile, Alabama.

Copy to Atlanta and Birmingham for information.

U. S. Secret Service, WFO, Washington, D. C.,  
advised telephonically, 3/13/65, and copy of LHM disseminated  
directly to U. S. Secret Service.

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**THREAT TO KILL REVEREND MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM  
RACIAL MATTERS**

The following information was telephonically furnished the Washington Field Office of the FBI by the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Special Investigations Squad:

[redacted], a telephone operator at "The Washington Post" newspaper, Washington, D. C., advised at approximately 6 a.m., March 13, 1965, of a telephone call received from a person who identified herself as [redacted] Negro female, age 43, residing at [redacted] Washington, D. C., home telephone number [redacted]

[redacted] related that [redacted] had inquired about the location and present address of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., and stated she would take a plane to Alabama and kill him. [redacted] also stated that if Reverend King came to Washington, D. C., to attend the memorial services for the late Reverend James J. Reeb, that she would seek him out and kill him.

According to information furnished by the MPD, Washington, D. C., [redacted] advised she is [redacted] Washington, D. C., telephone number [redacted]. She owns [redacted] Corvair and further related she is the owner of a .32 caliber Smith & Wesson, allegedly registered by [redacted]

[redacted] stated her reason for wanting to kill the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., is that "King is to blame for all the trouble we're in."

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 11th, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind comments and staunch support. All of us in the FBI appreciate your complimentary remarks.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment concerning the specific questions you asked.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest. The self-addressed, stamped envelope which you so thoughtfully forwarded is being returned.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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May I take this opportunity to thank you and your staff, for the magnificent work you are doing for our beloved country?

Sincerely,  
 A grateful citizen

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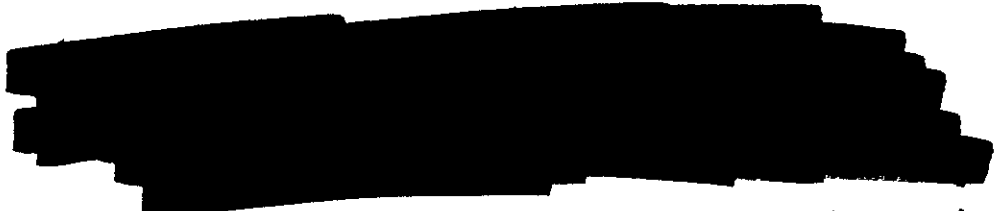
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RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Los Angeles airtels to the Bureau 2/24, 25, 27/65, captioned as above; Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau 2/25/65, captioned, "Theft of Dynamite, Los Angeles City Bureau of Water and Power, Four A.M., February 25 Instant. Possible Bombing Matter."

Reference is also made to Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated 2/10/65, and to Buairtel to Los Angeles 2/26/65 both captioned as instant airtel.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies, and for Atlanta, three copies of an LHM dated 3/3/65, captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.," suitable for dissemination.

Also enclosed for the Bureau and Atlanta are seven newspaper clippings, respectively, described as follows:

Clipping from the 2/26/65 issue of the "Herald-Examiner" Los Angeles, California, entitled, "Threats - Dr. King Guarded."

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Clipping from the 2/28/65 issue of the "Herald-Examiner," Los Angeles, entitled, "Dr. King's Guard at Maximum."

Clipping from 3/1/65 issue of the "Herald-Examiner," Los Angeles, entitled, "King Tells Offer As Cult Mediator."

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Efforts are continuing at Los Angeles, to identify the "Mr. DAVIS" referred to in referenced Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated 2/10/65. ||

Los Angeles is remaining alert to any information which might become available from established sources indicating any association between KING and LEON BERNEY during KING's stay in Los Angeles, and if any information is developed, same will be submitted in a communication suitable for dissemination. It is noted that information concerning possible association between KING and BERNEY was set forth in rebuairtel to Los Angeles 2/26/65.

The enclosed LHM is classified confidential since data reported from the confidential source utilized therein could reasonably result in identification of the source and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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All sources utilized herein have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise indicated.

The "Beverly Hills Times," Beverly Hills, California, a weekly newspaper, issue dated February 25, 1965, set forth an article on page one entitled, "'Death of Malcolm X Hurts Negro Cause.'"

The article set forth in part to the effect that at a press conference held by King on his arrival at International Airport, Los Angeles, California on February 24, 1965 King stated that his life had been threatened many times and that he had learned to become philosophical about it. When asked who would take over the leadership of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) if he, King, were killed, King stated that Ralph Abernathy would probably be the one to assume leadership of the SCLC.

This article set forth that King was the guest of honor at a dinner in the Beverly Hills, California home of Dr. Irving Lichtenstein on the evening of February 24, 1965, which dinner was attended by more than 80 business and civic leaders.

At 10:17 AM on February 25, 1965, an anonymous telephone call was received by a switchboard operator in the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from an unidentified male who stated, "Martin Luther King will not be alive in 48 hours."

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The anonymous telephone call information concerning King was furnished to representatives of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) on February 25, 1965. A representative of the LAPD advised on February 25, 1965 that an unknown male had telephonically contacted the "City News Service," Los Angeles, at 7:30 AM on the morning of February 25, 1965, and had related the same information as that reported on same date to the switchboard operator at the Los Angeles Office of the FBI as mentioned above.

The "Los Angeles Times," Los Angeles, California, issue dated February 26, 1965, set forth on page I-2, an article captioned, "King Renews Plea for Boycott of Mississippi." This article set forth information to the effect that King, who was honored by the World Affairs Council and the City of Los Angeles for receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, addressed a World Affairs Council luncheon meeting at the Hollywood Palladium, 6215 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles on February 25, 1965, which meeting was attended by approximately 1800 luncheon guests. King sat on the stage between Los Angeles Mayor Samuel W. Yorty and Harold G. McClellan, president of the World Affairs Council. King called for a total boycott of Mississippi products in seeking to extend nationwide his campaign for equal rights for Negroes in the deep South.

The "Herald-Examiner," Los Angeles, California, issue dated February 26, 1965, on page B-1, set forth an article captioned, "Threats - Dr. King Guarded." This article set forth information to the effect that King attended a benefit premiere of "The Greatest Story Ever Told" at Pacific's Cinerama Theater, 6360 West Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles on the evening of February 25, 1965.

The "Los Angeles Times," Los Angeles, issue dated February 27, 1965, on page I-12 set forth an article captioned, "Dr. King Vows to Intensify his Drive in Selma." This article disclosed that King delivered a sermon to a crowd of approximately 1500 at Temple Israel in Hollywood, California, 7300 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, on the evening of February 26, 1965. King vowed to return on Monday, March 1, 1965 to Selma, Alabama and to intensify efforts to gain registration for Negro votes there.

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The "Herald-Examiner," Los Angeles, issue dated March 1, 1965, on page A-12, set forth an article captioned, "King Tells Offer as Cult Mediator." This article set forth information to the effect that King delivered the sermon at the Victory Baptist Church, 4802 South Mc Kinley Avenue, Los Angeles, on Sunday, February 28, 1965, which service was attended by approximately 2,000 persons inside the church and approximately 3,000 more who lined the streets and sat in the parking lots outside the church. In his sermon, King called upon the followers of the slain Malcolm X and of Elijah Muhammad "to sit at the peace table and bring about peace." King offered his services and the services of his staff to bring about good will. King also paid tribute to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) by stating, "these men have been around me and with me around the clock." King stated to the effect that the LAPD officers who protected him were wonderful and that he was thankful for them.

The "Los Angeles Times," Los Angeles, issue of March 1, 1965, in an article on page I-5, captioned, "King Offers to Mediate Negro Factions' Dispute," set forth information concerning King's appearance at the Victory Baptist Church, address as above stated, on Sunday, February 28, 1965, and his delivery of the sermon to an over-flow gathering. This article stated to the effect that heavy applause followed Dr. King's remarks in thanking the Los Angeles Police force for the "round-the-clock" guard they had provided him. The article quoted King as saying, "I don't ever request police protection, but when it's given, I don't turn it down. I wish I could take them back with me to Selma, Alabama."

The "Los Angeles Times," article stated that Representative James Roosevelt was on the platform with Dr. King at the Victory Baptist Church. Following his appearance at the church, Dr. King was driven to International Airport to enplane for the flight to his home in Atlanta, Georgia. This newspaper article concluded with a statement to the effect that King was returning to the voter registration drive in Selma, Alabama.

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A confidential source advised on March 1, 1965, that King departed from International Airport, Los Angeles, on United Airlines Flight 110, at 3:10 PM on Sunday, February 28, 1965, en route to Chicago, Illinois; that King was scheduled to arrive in Chicago at 8:45 PM that same date and that he was scheduled to depart Chicago one hour and twenty minutes after his arrival there, on Delta Airlines Flight 93, en route to his home in Atlanta, Georgia.

This source further advised that King made an impromptu statement at International Airport just before his departure in which he highly complimented the LAPD and stated he wished he could take the officers who had protected him during his stay in Los Angeles, back to Selma, Alabama with him. King expressed appreciation for the "around-the-clock" protection given him by LAPD officers in Los Angeles.

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# Threats— Dr. King Guarded

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. continued under heavy guard today after threats yesterday including one to dynamite the Hollywood Palladium where he spoke.

More than 100 policemen last night surrounded the Sunset Boulevard block where the integrationist and Nobel Prize winner attended a benefit premiere of "The Greatest Story Ever Told" at the Pacific's Cinerama Theater.

After the film, detectives surrounded Dr. King and hastily escorted him from the lobby into a waiting limousine containing a guard with a walkie-talkie. The limousine pulled away preceded by a motorcycle escort and followed by two cars of detectives.

## HEAVY GUARD

While the movie was being shown an officer walked about a ledge of the theater at 6360 Sunset Blvd., and about 15 uniformed policemen stood outside the lobby. Detectives, motorcycle officers and other uniformed policemen cruised the block on which the theater is situated.

The police force included more than 30 plainclothes officers and 20 motorcycle officers. No incidents were reported.

Another large police detachment will surround and infiltrate Temple Israel of Hollywood where Dr. King will speak tonight.

The temple at 7300 Hollywood Blvd. will bristle with

patrolmen and detectives carrying out tight security measures, as Dr. King, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, speaks at 8:30 p.m.

Dr. King's appearance highlights the temple's observance of Brotherhood Week. The holder of 125 citations and awards for his civil rights activities will share the pulpit with Dr. Max Nussbaum and Rabbi Meyer Heller, the congregation's spiritual leaders.

Irving Briskin, congregation president, said today the public is invited to hear the speakers and attend the services, which will be held in the sanctuary.

The heavy police protection began with Dr. King's arrival here and continued to surround the peaceful civil rights worker yesterday when he addressed 2000 persons in the Hollywood Palladium.

## RAPS 14 VOTE

Despite the tight security measures taken by authorities, Dr. King insisted he was enjoying his Southern California stay.

"My few days here are a refreshing contrast to Selma, Ala.," he told his audience.

But he rapped California's recently mandated Proposition 13, which nullified the Rumford Housing Act, declaring:

"We are a long, long way from realizing the American dream if we cannot learn to live together."

He also spoke of the voter registration problem in Selma, pointing out that part of his peaceful action program calls for earning the right to vote for Negroes "all over this nation."

Dr. King hinted at the possibility of an economic boycott in Mississippi, saying:

"I think if we were to do this, there would be a change overnight."

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**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. UNDER HEAVY GUARD AT MOVIE PREMIERE**  
He is escorted by detectives from theater after numerous threats on his life

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# Arms, Dynamite Cache In Glendale Apartment

Fourteen hundred pounds of dynamite and other explosives, plus a small arsenal of weapons were removed early today from the apartment of a man presently awaiting trial on an attempted murder charge. **B. APPROX**

Police launched an intensive search for Keith D. Gilbert, 27, of 419 Western Ave., Glendale, after exceptionally heavy police protection was thrown about visiting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., national integration leader. Anonymous telephoned threats on King's life were made yesterday. Officers said there was no evidence to connect Gilbert with the calls.

The explosives cache was stolen in the pre-dawn hours Thursday from a Hercules Powder Co. magazine in Magazine Canyon, near Sylmar.

It was traced when a company employe took the license number of a fleeing car in which he saw a man loading dynamite.

One of the two men arrested in connection with the traced car led police to Gilbert's garage apartment, where the explosives and "Minuteman" literature were found. **B. APPROX**

Gilbert was identified by police as a "known racist."

The pair was identified as Rodney Chesney, 42, and his nephew, Ronald Bartell, 24, both of 9887 Wheatland Ave., Sunland.

In addition to the wide search for Gilbert, police were also seeking Stephen Lowe, 20, a sailor, reported on leave from the USS Hector, Navy repair ship, who was believed with Gilbert. Earlier erroneous reports listed Lowe as absent without leave from his ship.



**KEITH D. GILBERT**

Gilbert, reportedly carrying a 9-mm. blue steel automatic and possibly dynamite, was described as 5' 10", 150 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. Lowe was reported as being 5' 11", 180 pounds, with

long black hair and blue eyes. Police located the explosives in Gilbert's apartment about 5 p.m. Thursday, but waited until after midnight to remove it, delayed by the need for a search warrant issued at 12:30 a.m. today by Municipal Judge Lee B. Stanton, Glendale Judicial District.

Los Angeles bomb disposal unit officers were called to the apartment and verified that the explosives were disarmed, removing all firing caps from the scene. **B. APPROX**

Lt. Manuel S. Pena, Foothill detective commander, said a cocked and loaded .45 caliber automatic found on a table in the apartment was checked by a demolition expert to eliminate possibility of a booby trap. **B. APPROX**

Mrs. Bernice Iverson, landlady at the same address, expressed surprise at the explosives cache in Gilbert's apartment, describing him as an "excellent tenant, well spoken, clean cut — a good egg." But in their frequent broadcasts, police warned that Gilbert is dangerous and believed armed.

Despite the intensive search for Gilbert, a Glendale gun shop owner, Lt. Pena said there was no indication Gilbert was responsible for any of the threats made on the life of Martin Luther King.

The belief he might be carrying dynamite arose

from the fact one of the dynamite cartons in his apartment had been opened and dynamite possibly removed.

Gilbert's pending trial is the result of his arrest last Sept. 17 after a Negro motorist, sitting in a parked car at Sunset Boulevard and La Brea Ave., was fired at by a pistol wielder.

The intended victim, Warren Stewart, identified Gilbert as the assailant. Gilbert was later released on \$1650 bail pending trial.

At the time of his arrest, Gilbert was quoted by police as saying, "This is my day to kill niggers."

Following theft of the explosives Thursday morning, at least three Los Angeles buildings were searched by police.

The Black Muslim Mosque at 5616 S. Broadway was searched after an anonymous caller said the building would be blown up.

The same caller said the Hollywood Palladium, where Dr. King spoke on the civil rights movement at noon, would be blasted, and the Cinerama Theater, where Dr. King attended the premiere.

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# Dr. King Vows to Intensify His Drive in Selma

BY ERIC MALNIC

Times Staff Writer

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. vowed here Friday night to "return Monday to Selma" and "intensify efforts" to gain registration for Negro voters there.

Dr. King's statement defied the recent declaration by Joe Smitherman, mayor of the Alabama town, that the community can and will settle its racial turmoil only if Dr. King and other "outsiders" stay away.

Dr. King's pledge to return to Selma came after a sermon at the Temple Israel in Hollywood in which the Negro leader displayed anew his increasing militancy — although specifically non-violent militancy—in his fight for Negro civil rights.

He told an overflow crowd at the temple that mankind must not get "caught up in unattained goals, but must move on to the promised land of justice and brotherhood."

## 'Some May Be Jailed'

In that journey to the promised land, he said, "some of us may get scarred up a bit, some may end up in jail cells, some must even face death—but 'We shall overcome.'"

Scores of police officers surrounded the temple at 7300 Hollywood Blvd. while Dr. King spoke, reflecting the continued anxiety over telephoned threats on the integration leader's life during his stay here.

The anxiety was intensified by the knowledge that an alleged racist, Kieth Gilbert, who police say took part in the theft of a cache of dynamite, had yet to be apprehended and was considered "armed and dangerous."

However, there were no incidents or expressions of

hostility by the crowd of more than 1,500 that gave Dr. King a warm welcome at the Hollywood temple.

In addition to calling for intensified efforts in the field of civil rights, the recent Nobel Peace Prize winner urged his audience to move forward in the drive to end poverty and physical violence.

"The poor, the underprivileged, the tortured—even the least of these—is our brother," Dr. King said.

"A great nation is a compassionate nation," he said. Love is the highest good — he who loves has discovered the ultimate meaning of reality."

The Negro leader said he will leave Los Angeles Sunday to return to Selma.

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Keith D. Gilbert

## Dynamite Theft Suspect Eludes Police Search

An alleged racist who reportedly participated in a raid on a dynamite magazine Thursday night was being sought by lawmen throughout California Friday.

Officers were warned that because of Keith D. Gilbert's past conduct, and because he may be armed and still carrying some of the stolen explosives, he must be considered "dangerous."

Most of an estimated 1,400 pounds of dynamite taken from a powder company magazine was recovered Thursday night in Gilbert's garage apartment at 419 Western Ave., Glendale.

Along with the explosives, investigators found a small arsenal of weapons, several cases of ammunition and stacks of Minutemen tracts.

### Three Under Arrest

Three men who police say were involved with Gilbert in the dynamite theft have been arrested. Stephen Lowe, a 20-year-old sailor, was arrested Friday morning at a friend's home in North Hollywood. The other two, Rodney Chesney, 42, and his nephew, Ronald Bartell, 24, were arrested Thursday afternoon.

The latter pair were released on bail Friday night after being charged with misdemeanor traffic violations.

A warrant was issued Friday for the arrest of 26-year-old Gilbert, a former gunshop owner and exponent of right-wing causes.

Police said Gilbert and others stole the explosives in a pre-dawn raid at the Hercules Powder Co. property in Magazine Canyon near Sylmar.

The theft came a day after Dr. Martin Luther King, the civil rights leader, arrived here for a series of talks.

Heavy guard placed around Dr. King after his arrival Wednesday because of threats on his life was tightened even further.

### Guard Still in Effect

The taut security measures for Dr. King remained in effect Friday as the Negro leader spoke at Hollywood Temple Israel.

But police said Gilbert, awaiting trial on March 8 for allegedly attempting to shoot a Negro publicist in September, may have fled this area.

Police said they traced Chesney and Bartell, both of 9867 Wheatland Ave., Sunland, through a license number jotted down by a powder company employe who saw the explosives being loaded into the back seat of a car.

They, in turn, led officers to the stolen dynamite, ammonium nitrate and blasting caps in Gilbert's apartment in Glendale.

When last seen, the 150-pound, 5 foot 9 inch Gilbert was wearing a gaudy plaid shirt and khaki trousers.

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# Dr. King's Guard at Maximum

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. continued under heavy police protection here today as he prepared for the final round of appearances, including the leading of worship at the Victory Baptist Church.

Police expected some 2500 worshipers at the church, at 4802 McKinley Ave., to hear Dr. King's sermon.

Adding to police worries was the failure of law officials to locate a man described as "armed and dangerous," with "a real hatred for Negroes," Keith D. Gilbert, 27, of Glendale.

## NO ULTIMATE

Gilbert is wanted in connection with the theft of 1400 pounds of dynamite on Thursday and is already awaiting trial on a charge of shooting at a Negro.

"There is no such thing as ultimate protection," said Lt. Charles D. Reese, 37, who is in charge of the protection detail. "However, we are giving Dr. King every ounce we can afford."

The church where Dr. King will speak is near the headquarters of several "extremist Negro groups."

To handle the number of people expected to attend the services, loudspeakers will carry Dr. King's voice outside to the sidewalk and parking lot.

## TWO HELD

Police have two men under arrest for the theft of the dynamite. Clyde Young, 22, a salesman, and Lewis Stephen Lowe, 20, a sailor, and have issued an all-points bulletin for Gilbert's arrest.

Dr. King is scheduled to tape a television interview with Negro author Louis Lomax later this afternoon and to fly back to Selma, Ala., tomorrow to continue the Negro voter registration drive there.

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# King Tells Offer As Cult Mediator

Dr. Martin Luther King was due back in Alabama today after a Los Angeles visit in which he offered to mediate between warring Negro nationalist groups

"I am particularly concerned over the violence in the wake of the slaying of Malcolm X," Dr. King said here. "I call upon the followers of Elijah Muhammad and the followers of Malcolm X to sit at the peace table and bring about peace."

"I offer my services and the services of my staff to bring about good will," he added.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner and non-violence integrationist wound up a four-day visit here yesterday by delivering a sermon at Victory

Baptist Church, 4802 McKinley Ave., to more than 2000 persons inside the church and some 3000 others lining the streets and sitting in the parking lots outside.

While dozens of uniformed and plainclothes officers stationed themselves in and around the church — including several with binoculars on the roof — the predominantly Negro crowd maintained a complete orderliness throughout a three-hour period from the time they began gathering.

Loudspeakers carried Dr. King's message from the pulpit to the throng outdoors. He spoke as a preacher.

### TIME OF DECISION

"I try to decide each time I speak," he began, "whether I will be a civil rights speaker or a preacher."

"Today I will do what I am first and foremost — a preacher."

However, avoiding stirring his audience with his noted impassioned oratory on civil rights, Dr. King did bring politics into the preface of his sermon.

Flanked by electric candelabra and plainclothes officers, he then paid tribute to the Los Angeles Police Department.

"These men have been around me and with me around the clock," he said. "They have been wonderful and I am thankful for them."

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# King Offers to Mediate Negro Factions' Dispute

## Civil Rights Leader Seeks Peace Between Muslims, Followers of Slain Malcolm X

BY PAUL WEEKS

Times Staff Writer

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday offered his services as a mediator in the dispute between the Black Muslims and the break-away black nationalist movement of the late Malcolm X.

Speaking from the pulpit of the Victory Baptist Church in his last address of a series here, the Nobel Prize-winning civil rights leader declared:

"I am concerned about the rise of violence and threats of violence. I am particularly alarmed over the violence in the Negro community in the wake of the assassination of Malcolm X."

### No Blame Placed

Without attempting to assess responsibility for Malcolm's slaying, Dr. King said, "I call upon the followers of Elijah Muhammad and the late Malcolm X to sit down at the peace table and bring on a period of calm and peace."

"I offer the services of myself and my staff toward the restoration of good will in the Negro community."

The church was filled to its capacity of 1,700 long before Dr. King arrived. Thousands more listened to him over a public address system in a nearby parking lot and the streets around the church at 4802 McKinley Ave.

Strict security measures which had been in effect since Dr. King arrived last Wednesday were evident everywhere. Heavy applause for Dr. King's remarks during the Los Angeles forces for the "roving lock" guard they provided him.

"I don't ever require police protection," he said with a smile, "but when I

I don't turn it down, I wish I could take them back with me to Selma, Alabama."

Showing serious concern over growing violence, Dr. King reviewed the deaths of President John F. Kennedy and NAACP field secretary Medgar Evers, the killing of three civil rights workers in Mississippi, the bombing of a Birmingham church which killed four Negro children and the slaying of Malcolm X.

"So many people across the world are coming to think of us as a nation of violence and a nation of murderers," he said.

### Television Cited

Citing television drama, Dr. King said "our children are being brought up to believe in the expression of dissent through murder."

"We've come to the point, my friends," he said, "where we can feel the jostling winds of violence and hatred around us."

He was introduced by the Rev. Thomas Kilgore Jr., pastor of the Second Baptist Church and head of the West Coast bureau of the conference.

On the platform with Dr. King were Rep. James Roosevelt (D-Los Angeles) and City Councilman Gilbert Lindsay and Billy Mills. Dr. King paid special tribute to Roosevelt "as one of the great congressmen of our nation (who) has a record of always voting right."

Following his appearance at the church, Dr. King was driven to International Airport to catch a flight to his home in Atlanta, Ga. Today he will return to the voter registration drive in Selma.

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PRESS CONFERENCE with DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING held at International Airport, Crown Room of Satellite No.6, Delta Airlines, on February 24, 1965, 11:40 A.M.

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I'd like to make an initial statement. I am THOMAS KILGORE JR., Director of the West Coast Bureau of DR. KING's movement, SOLO. DR. KING is here for a few days and for fund raising events for the occasion one of his appearances will be in the Palladium tomorrow at 12:00 O'clock sponsored by the World Affairs Council and we are happy now to present DR. KING for you to raise questions and do whatever you would like.

Dr. KING, do you consider the life of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is in danger at this particular time?

Well, I think we must face the fact that there are some very ghastly and nightmarish aspects of violence taking place at this time and it does seem to be a feud between some of the Black Nationalists groups. Consequently, I think we have to face the fact that there is probably some danger on the life of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. I think this is very unfortunate. I think this whole episode and as I said, this ghastly nightmare of violence and counter-violence is very unfortunate and must be condemned by all people of goodwill.

DR. KING, what could it possibly lead to if worse came to worse?

Well, it just continues to degenerate and to darken nights of violence. I think it has to stop somewhere. It isn't good for the image of our nation. It isn't good for the Negro cause. It isn't good for anything that we hold dear in our country and our democracy. I believe firmly in non-violence. I think we have got to learn to disagree without being violently disagreeable and this whole philosophy of expressing dissent through murder must be vigorously condemned.

DR. JAMES FARMER has indicated that he believes this is part of an international conspiracy. Do you have any comment on this?

Well, I don't - I know about that. I have no knowledge to follow through or make such a statement. This may well be but my knowledge doesn't reveal this and I don't try at this point to even further a speculation as to who assassinated MALCOLM X. The Police Department of New York, I assume, is vigorously investigating this and I think until the investigation is finished

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I would withhold any statement about the person or persons who perpetrated this dastardly act.

DR. KING, you have just come from Selma. What is the feeling of the Negro in general about this thing that is going on now as far as the Black Muslims are concerned. Do they have a feeling about it?

Well, I think the general feeling in the Negro community, that this is very unfortunate and that we have such large problems to deal with in getting rid of racial injustice that it is both impractical and immoral to be fighting among ourselves. I think this is the general attitude that prevails among the people that I have had a chance to talk with about it.

DR. KING, is there a present threat to your life?

Well, I get threats quite often. This is almost a daily and weekly occurrence. I mentioned in Selma just the other day that I had received information from reliable sources that there would be an attempt to take my life and that there was an attempt when I was in Marian, Alabama which is in Perry County about a week ago but at the time I was surrounded by a number of people and I was never clear enough to be a target and we got some anonymous threats on Monday when I returned to Selma; so that this continues and its something that we get, as I said, ever so often.

Did this information come to you from a well placed source like the FBI?

Well, no it didn't come from the FBI. This information did come from investigative agencies though. Particularly the incident in Marian. This came from sources within the investigative machinery of the State.

Now, when you say the threat on your life. Your not talking now about from the Black Muslim or the Nationalists. Your talking about white segregationists.

Oh yes, from segregationists.

DR. KING, have the threats on your life been increasing, the number of them. Have they been increasing?

Well, they always increase when we get in the heat and highth of the movement. They tend to decrease in periods when we are not in an intensified development but I think that whenever we have been in the midst of a determined struggle, whether it was

in Birmingham or St. Augustine Florida, or Albany, Georgia, or now in Selma. The threats tend to increase at that time.

May I ask you this. What is your understanding of the specific legislation that is being drafted now in the Justice Department that would apply to such situations that exist in Selma?

I don't have the details on this legislation. Some of my lawyers will be talking with the Attorney General today about it. I talked with Attorney General Katzenbach on Monday about the registrars but only in general terms and he said that they were reaching the point now that they wanted to finalize it and in a few days it would be presented to the President but as far as specifics, I can't say at this time. I would hope that it will include a provision for federal registrars and certainly a provision that will get rid of the so called literacy tests and I think these federal registrars, if the bill is to be meaningful, must be appointed by and responsible to the President. The present bills that we have which came through the 1957, 1960 and 64 sections of the Civil Rights Bill on voting rights at points tend to institutionalize the difficulties and it does provide a provision that federal referees can be appointed by federal judges. Now we have a case right now in Marian, Alabama, where they have a federal referee but Judge Thomas appointed a federal referee from Hale County, one of the adjoining counties and he done registered more Negroes than the registrars, so that these - we made a system now whereby federal registrars will be responsible to and appointed by the President himself.

Is it your understanding that the President wants this?

Well, in my recent conversations with the President, I get this impression. Now he hasn't made any definite promise to me and he hadn't formulated a bill in his mind at that time and he made it clear that he would rely on the Justice Department to study this in depth and to make a recommendation but he strongly feels that something must be done beyond the present bills that we already have.

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Dr. King, do you feel there is a possibility that something might happen to you some time? Have you made arrangements for someone to carry on - something like the President and Vice President have if anything happens?

O, yes, we have in our movement many dedicated, intelligent and dynamic leaders. We have this in my own organizations and we have definitely discussed these things very realistically. We are not fooling ourselves about the dangerous possibilities that we face.

Q. Could one of your men fall heir to your particular leadership?

K. Well, I would say the Southern Christian Leadership Conference - Dr. Ralph Abernathy is the closest associate that I have and my closest advisor and the man who articulates the meaning of our movement extremely well and who is dedicated absolutely to the philosophy of non-violence, and is a great leader in his own right.

Q. Dr. King, what is your attitude toward the threats that you received?

K. Well, I guess I have learned now to take them rather philosophically. I think this cause is right and because of my deep feeling about the rightness of the cause, it gives me courage to carry on, and I think that one has to conquer the feeling of death if he is going to do anything constructive in life and take a stand against evil, and I go along with the view that one who has not found something so true and so meaningful and profound that he will die for it is not fit to live, so I am prepared to face anything that comes in standing up to this struggle with the great belief and the great feeling that unmerited suffering is redemptive.

Q. Do you feel that the civil rights investigation out of Washington has accomplished anything at all? And if it has, what?

K. I think it accomplished a great deal; first, they brought the attention of the Nation to the situation in Selma, and brought to the people of Selma and the Black Belt Counties in general, the kind of expression of support that gave them a new sense of hope. I think the third thing that came out of it was the fact that these Senators were - these Representatives were absolutely convinced that there were glaring injustices and denials on the question of voting rights in Selma, Alabama, and, on the basis of that, some went back and introduced bills so that we already have some bills that have been introduced by members of the House and I think that with the bills introduced and the Administrative Bill that will soon come, we can get the best elements out of all these and will emerge with a very strong bill.

- Q. Dr. King, I wonder if you will not identify the high government official who said there is a threat against your life, if you will tell us why you don't identify him?
- K. Well, I am not at liberty to identify. Many of these things come confidentially and in order to continue that investigation it is necessary so often not to reveal these things, so I would not like to reveal any names.
- Q. You insist it was a high federal official who informed you?
- K. Well, I can say that the Attorney General called me on Monday and expressed great concern about my safety and made it very clear that they are concerned..
- Q. Did he give you information about the threat on your life?
- K. Well, I didn't go into that with him. These things are not too pleasant to discuss so I didn't want to go into great detail. I usually like to talk with some of my aides about it and after that I got three additional calls which tended to confirm the fact that threats had been made.
- Q. Yesterday a group of Republican Senators asked this question: what is the White House doing to meet the need of universal registration laws that were pointed up by you in Selma? I wonder if you will answer this question?
- K. Well, I am very happy to see these very outstanding Republicans take this courageous and necessary stand on the immediacy - the need, rather - of immediate legislation. I think there is action going on and I think the Administration is serious about this - I am sure that the Attorney General is serious when he said they are moving to the point of formalizing some bill to present to Congress. But I guess all of us need a little prompting at times and I hope that the strong statement made by the outstanding Republicans will cause the Administration to move a little faster, because I think it is urgent to get this legislation immediately, and we certainly don't want to see it drag out in Congress and we don't want to see a filibuster, and we don't want to see this be put off in order to deal with some other issue that may be important - this is just as important as any other issue facing our nation today.
- Q. Dr. King, it would appear in the reports that we have out of the South that not as many people have showed up in the last few days for the demonstrations for voter registration. Is there a diminishing interest among the folk down there?
- K. Oh, not at all; I think it is as strong as it has ever been. The fact is that we have outdone ourselves and we have turned out more people than we really anticipated by this time. We have gotten more than 2200 Negroes in Selma to appear to sign what is called the "appearance sheet". We were aiming at 3000 by July and we already have 2200, so it means that by touching that many people, we don't have as many people to follow along now to sign the "appearance sheet". It means we must get into the community to find the people who have not signed it.

- Q. You are not depressed that only a couple of hundred have shown up from time to time in the last few days?
- K. Oh, not at all. I think the enthusiasm is as high as ever - the determination is as great, and I have no doubt about the fact that the Negroes in Dallas County are going through with this and they are determined to get the vote and they aren't going to stop until it happens.
- Q. Will you be going back to Marion soon?
- K. I will be going back Monday of next week to hold demonstrations there.
- Q. Dr. King, would you be good enough to repeat what you said at the beginning about the whole Black Muslim situation of violence?
- K. Yes, this ghastly nightmare of violence and counter-violence is something that must be condemned by all people of goodwill in this nation. I don't think violence solves any social problem; it only creates new and more complicated problems. I think it is also-necessary to say that the assassination of Malcolm X was an unfortunate tragedy and it reveals that there are still numerous people in our nation who have degenerated to the point of expressing....murder, and we haven't learned to disagree without being violently disagreeable.
- I think it is even more unfortunate that this great tragedy occurred at a time when Malcolm X was re-evaluating his own philosophical presuppositions and moving toward a greater understanding of the non-violent movement and toward more tolerance of white people, generally.
- But I think one must understand that in condemning the philosophy of Malcolm X, which I did constantly, that he was a victim of the despair that came into being as a result of a society that gives so many Negroes the nagging sense of "nobodiness". And just as one condemns the philosophy, he must be as vigorous in condemning the continued existence in our society of the conditions of racial injustice, depression and man's inhumanity to man.
- I think there is a lesson that we can all learn from this all over the nation and that is that violence is impractical and that now, more than ever before, we must pursue the course of non-violence to achieve a reign of justice and a rule of love in our society, and that hatred and violence must be cast into the unending limbo if we are to survive.
- Q. Dr. King, do you intend to attend the funeral?
- K. No, because of the engagements that I have here. But I will certainly extend my sympathy to his wife and to his family and, as I said, this has come as a great shock to so many of us and altho we had constant disagreements, I had a deep affection for Malcolm X and I am very sorry about the whole thing.

- Q. Is there any real fear in your mind that more and more Negroes are becoming "was-affected" with non-violence?
- K. No, I think - on the contrary, Negroes are now more convinced than ever that non-violence is the most potent weapon available to an oppressed people in their struggle for freedom and for human dignity, and I think more and more people are coming to see that this is the most practically sound and morally excellent way to deal with the problem.

I don't think anybody should feel that the violence that is presently taking place is an indication of the feeling of a large segment of the Negro community. I think this represents a very small, fanatical minority and nothing like a majority of the Negroes.

The Negroes, by and large, are peace-loving and willing to at least follow the technique of non-violence in their struggle for voting rights.

- Q. Is there anything short of massive federal intervention going to make any substantial change in the situation in Alabama?
- K. I must be honest enough to say and say that realism impels me to admit that the changes in Alabama and Mississippi will not come from within. I cannot see the changes coming short of massive federal action. I think the feelings are too great, the sickness too deep, the mass neuroses too pervasive to really bring about the change within in terms of the benevolence of the white power structure, but I think, with strong massive action from the federal government on many fronts, the people will inevitably yield to what comes down from our national leadership.
- Q. Are you satisfied, sir, that this dedication of this administration is sufficient?
- K. Well, I would certainly say that the President is committed on civil rights. I have no doubt about that. He has made it clear that he is committed to the implementation of the civil rights bill and that he sees the moral implication of this whole struggle to make integration a reality in America. So, up to now, I have no gripes with President Johnson. I think he has moved on with dedication on the matter of civil rights.
- Q. Dr. King, inasmuch as there remains this superficial contradiction between your remarks, even today, and the Justice Department, that there has been some kind of misunderstanding as to who initiated the mention of the death threat to you...
- K. Well, I don't - I didn't know there was any misunderstanding or contradiction..

- Q. This morning's L.A. Times was quite clear that the Justice Department said that you initiated the suggestion that there was a plot on your life and not they.
- K. Well, now, I never did say that the Justice Department initiated the suggestion. I never named the person who initiated the suggestion. When I was speaking in a mass meeting on Monday night when I mentioned this, I never gave any names, so I think the Justice Department may be quite sure in saying that because Mr. Katzenbach merely called me and expressed, as I said, great concern for my safety, but at that time he didn't go into any details that I got about half an hour later in two other conversations.
- Q. I have one more question. Dr. King, in the terrible consistency of this...if something should happen to you, since you are the focal point of this non-violent group, at what point then would that non-violence turn into violence? Have you thought about that?
- K. Well, I certainly hope that nothing happens to me but I will be the first to say that if something ever happens to me, I would hope that the people who have tried to follow my leadership and have committed themselves to my philosophy would be as committed to it then as ever. I don't believe in retaliatory violence and if something happens to me or any leader in the non-violent movement, I would never advocate Negroes turning to violence as a retaliatory approach to the problem.

When you get in a non-violent movement, the one thing that you commit yourself to is the fact that you are standing up for truth and justice and what is right, and you are willing to face death, if necessary. We teach this day in and day out that we must be willing to accept blows without retaliation - and we are constantly beaten in this movement - and we go to the point of saying that if physical death is the price that some must pay to free the white brothers and their children from a permanent psychological death and a permanent death of the spirit, then nothing can be more redemptive, so I would feel and certainly hope that if anything should happen to any of us in the non-violent movement, that Negroes would react to this as non-violently as they have to the mobs in Mississippi and Alabama.

- Q. I would like to ask, Dr. King, if your organization gives any consideration to the possibility of another so-called "long hot summer", as we had last summer and, if so, have you made plans to quell or hold it down, or keep it from starting in the first place?



K. Well, one has to understand the meaning of "the long hot summer". I don't ever want to feel a long, hot, violent summer, but I think we will continue to have rather hot non-violent summers until this problem is solved, and we must face the fact that although we have made strides and we have made real progress, we still have a long, long way to go, not only in the South but in the North, and I think some of our most nagging problems in the future will be in the big cities in the North in the area of jobs, and schools and housing, and I think that as long as these problems are there, we are going to have protest activities and demonstrations and it will keep the heat alive.

My only hope is that our heat will always be non-violent and disciplined and carried out in a dignified manner.

I just wanted to make a statement to thank the City Council and the County Board of Supervisors for declaring today and tomorrow MARTIN LUTHER KING DAYS. It is always a great pleasure to come to Los Angeles and we have gotten some of our greatest support, both financially and morally, from this great city and this great state, so I am deeply grateful to the Mayor and the City Council and the County Board of Supervisors for this warm expression of support.

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**ANONYMOUS THREAT TO KILL  
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ReCGtel to Bureau, Mobile, Atlanta and Selma 3/17/65 captioned as above which reported that the Chicago Police Department had received an anonymous telephone call wherein the caller stated "I will kill Martin Luther King in Selma, Alabama, on next Saturday. I have made this threat previously, but this time I will keep it." Retel had date 3/21/65 in caption.

Mobile and Atlanta Offices are instructed to immediately advise local police authorities at Selma, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia, of the information contained in retel.

For the future guidance of the Mobile and Atlanta Offices, and to obviate the necessity for communications such as instant airtel, the following policy should be followed relative to information received concerning threats against King. In all instances, unless the Bureau indicates otherwise, the Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department which covers the permanent residence of King should be advised of the information concerning the threat. This applies even though the threat indicates that some action will be carried out in an area away from Atlanta. In addition, whenever the area where the threat is to be carried out is known, the local law enforcement agency covering that area should be advised.

Until further notice from the Bureau, the foregoing policy should be followed. Any deviations must be only with Bureau approval. Neither King nor representatives for him should be advised of the information concerning the threats.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 9 copies of a LHM re MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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The Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments re KING's schedule and appearance in CV.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

An article appeared in the Cleveland "Press" March 11, 1965, edition, Section F, Page 12, Column 1, Captioned "Three Faiths Plan Testimonial for Rev. King".

This article reflected that Bishop NELSON M. BURROUGHS of the Ohio Episcopal Diocese, Coadjutor Bishop CLARENCE G. ISSENMANN of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, Rabbi DANIEL JEREMY SILVER of the Temple and the Rev. O.M. HOOVER will be honorary chairmen of the Sponsoring Committee for a recognition dinner in honor of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The article reflected that \$25.00 a plate reservations are being received for the dinner, which is scheduled to take place on March 24, 1965 in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel. Laymen on the Committee according to the article, include Councilman JOHN W. KELLOGG, WILLARD BROWN of the University Circle Research Center, LOUIS B. SELTZER, Editor of the Press, and Publisher-Editor THOMAS V. H. VAIL of the "Plain Dealer".

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Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles 2/26/65, Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau, 3/3/65 and Atlanta airtel to the Bureau, 2/10/65.

No information has been developed at Los Angeles indicating any KING - LEON W. BERNEY association.

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*[REDACTED]*  
at Los Angeles, California, on 3/8/65 that during KING's recent stay in Los Angeles from 2/24/65 to 2/28/65, he resided at the Statler Hilton Hotel, 930 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, where he had Rooms 797 and 799 (adjoining rooms). *e*

Informant continued that only two telephone calls, as follows, were made from these rooms, both of which were made on 2/26/65:

Telephone call of 15 minutes in length to Reverend WALTER FAURTROY, Baptist Church, 41107 - 17th Street (rest of street address not given), Washington, D.C., telephone DU 7-3517;

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- 3 - Atlanta (100-5586)(RM)
  - (1 - 100-6670-A)
  - (1 - 100-5718 SCLC)
- 1 - New York (100-136585)(INFO)(RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (INFO)(RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (INFO)(RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles
  - (1 - 100-40639 LEON W. BERNEY)

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Approved: *C. Wick*  
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Telephone call of three minutes length to the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, telephone 775-0533.

No information has been developed at Los Angeles which would indicate whether or not the above-mentioned telephone call from KING's rooms at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles to the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union in San Francisco, is in any way connected with the proposal of a boycott against the State of Alabama voiced in San Francisco on 3/10/65 by HARRY BRIDGES, President of that Union. BRIDGES, according to radio news broadcasts, reportedly stated that each local of his union would vote on a resolution declaring that the union members would refuse to handle any goods or merchandise from Alabama, coming across the docks or through the warehouses, until the rights of all the people of Alabama are recognized and fully protected.

The current February, 1965 issue of the Western Section Telephone Directory, Los Angeles Extended Area, lists LEON W. BERNEY, 9939 Robbins Drive, Beverly Hills, California, phone 271-8082 (from Los Angeles telephones, call 272-5755). It is noted that this LEON W. BERNEY, 9939 Robbins Drive, Beverly Hills, is the subject of closed Los Angeles file 100-43639, Bufile 100-211393.

[REDACTED] pretext telephone call by SA [REDACTED] on 3/9/65 to the LEON W. BERNEY residence, address as above stated, telephone 272-5755, asking for Mr. LEON W. BERNEY, was answered by a lady who identified herself as Mrs. BERNEY. The pretext [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The pretext call was terminated with SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The results of the above-mentioned pretext telephone call appear to conclusively indicate that the LEON BERNEY named in referenced Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, 2/26/65, is identical with the LEON W. BERNEY of Beverly Hills, above mentioned.

Investigation is continuing at Los Angeles in an effort to identify the Mr. DAVIS named in referenced Atlanta airtel to the Bureau, 2/10/65.

A copy of this airtel has been designated for the New York Office for information, which office also received a copy of referenced Bureau airtel, 2/26/65; and information copies have been designated for the San Francisco Office and Washington Field Office for information in view of the identities of the recipients of telephone calls on 2/26/65 from the hotel rooms of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in Los Angeles, as above explained.

No letterhead memorandum is being submitted since none of the information herein appears to be of nature that the Bureau would desire to disseminate.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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AIRGRAM     CABLEGRAM     RADIO     TELETYPE

6:46 PM CST URGENT 3-13-65 DRS  
 TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MOBILE  
 FROM CHICAGO 132322

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C.

RE ATLANTA TEL MARCH 12 LAST. U

*RC* b7(D) [REDACTED] ADVISED  
 INSTANT DATE INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATING KING WILL  
 ARRIVE CHICAGO 10:50 AM ON MARCH 14 NEXT VIA EAL  
 FLIGHT 110. KING WILL PROCEED 49TH AND SOUTH PARK,  
 LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH, CARE OF REVEREND JACKSON. AT  
 12 NOON, KING WILL PREACH FOR ONE HOUR AT ABOVE CHURCH;  
 FROM ONE UNTIL TWO PM WILL HOLD CONFERENCE WITH  
 DIGNITARIES, IDENTITIES UNKNOWN. AT TWO PM WILL PROCEED  
 TO UNIVERSITY CHICAGO FOR CONFERENCE, FOLLOWING CONFERENCE  
 WILL PROCEED SHERATON BLACKSTONE HOTEL TO REST. AT  
 7:30 PM WILL APPEAR ORCHESTRA HALL FOR SPEECH. NO FURTHER  
 ITINERARY AVAILABLE. CHICAGO WILL FOLLOW. U

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Via AIRTEL REGULAR MAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-833)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C

[Redacted]

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RE: Buairtel to Baltimore 2/24/65. U

Records of the [Redacted] Washington, D. C. checked by I.C.

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b7(D)

[Redacted] disclosed a report on ROSE MARIE BROOKS dated 1/12/65. [Redacted] reflects that she is married to JOSEPH E. BROOKS, Her employment is listed as Washington Correspondent with Seugstacke, 67 A "G" Street, S. W. Washington, D. C. That address is also shown as her home address. Her former address is shown as 1609 60th Avenue, North Englewood, Maryland. [Redacted] records reflect that her husband was employed with the Small Business Bureau and as of January 21, 1965 will be employed with the U. S. State Department. U

The records of the [Redacted] checked by [Redacted] at Seat Pleasant, Maryland on 3/1/65 disclosed no record of Mrs. BROOKS or her husband. U

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The indices of the Baltimore office disclosed no information identifiable with ROSE MARIE BROOKS nee TYLER or her husband JOSEPH E. BROOKS. U

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CC - Wick  
3- Bureau  
1- WFO (Encl. 1)  
1- Atlanta (100-5586)  
1- Baltimore  
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[Signature]  
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Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED] records reflect that ROSE MARIE  
BROOKS presently resides in Washington, D. C. one copy of  
re Buairtel is enclosed for WFO. U

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (File 100-106670) DATE: 3/8/65

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*[Handwritten initials]*

FROM : SAC, Atlanta (File 100-5586)

SUBJECT: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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Re Atlanta airtel 2/10/65 to identify  
(FNU) Davis.

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline:

Reason for the delinquency: Additional investigation necessary  
to identify

Date the report or necessary communication  
will reach the Bureau: 3/15/65

AEC zone designation; e.g., OR, CH, etc.:  
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

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SECRET 3-9-65 JAN

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MOBILE  
FROM ATLANTA AND MOBILE VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED  
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ATLANTA FILE /100-442529/ AND NEW YORK FILE /100-153735/.

ON MARCH EIGHT, SIXTYFIVE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT CLARENCE JONES, NEW YORK CITY ATTORNEY

SPECIAL COUNSEL TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, REMARKED THAT

HE WAS GOING TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND WOULD ARRIVE THERE

AT TWENTY SIX AM CENTRAL STANDARD TIME, MARCH

SIXTYFIVE. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, JONES WILL RETURN

TO NEW YORK CITY ON MARCH TEN, SIXTYFIVE.

ON THE NIGHT OF MARCH EIGHT, SIXTYFIVE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT BAYARD RUSTIN AND HARRY

WERE IN CONFERENCE ABOUT THE SELMA, ALABAMA, MARCH

THAT, AFTER TALKING TO ROY WILKINS AND A. PHILIP

AND "WE" FELT AS JACK GREENBERG, DIRECTOR OF LEGAL DEFENSE

FUND, NAACP, THAT KING SHOULD CALL OFF MARCH 1965

AND KING HAD TO SEE HIMSELF AS A NATIONAL LEADER

ON THE OVERALL PICTURE AS WELL AS THE SELMA PICTURE.

NOT RECORDED  
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S) OF DATE

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*2/23/78/SSS*

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DATE LET WILL BE SUBMITTED REGARDING INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY MRS. SHANNON.

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Classified by [REDACTED]  
Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification

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KING, ACCORDING TO RUSTIN, WAS LOOKING FOR A WAY OUT.  
SHE SAID JUDGE JOHNSON /FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE/ WAS NOT  
WILLING TO HEAR THE CASE UNLESS KING WAS PREPARED TO CALL  
FOR DEMONSTRATIONS. ~~(u)~~

REPORTER INDICATED THAT A VICTORY COULD BE WON BY  
THE DEFENSES, AND RUSTIN REMARKED THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
SAID TO HIM THAT KING COULD NOT LOSE. ~~(u)~~

RUSTIN ADVISED HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO CONTACT KING AND  
EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS IN THE MATTER. ~~(u)~~

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION - SIXTYFIVE.

RELAY  
WASHINGTON DC



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Newport News, Virginia 23605

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Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of March 11th and want to thank you for your interest in writing as well as your kind sentiments.

In response to your request, I am enclosing some material on the general topic of communism which I trust will be of assistance. You may also wish to refer to my books, "Master of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help readers gain an insight into the strategy and tactics of communists, both in this country and abroad. These books may be available in your local library.

I am unable to furnish you any material regarding the individual about whom you inquired since information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Enclosures (5)
- Communism and the Knowledge to Combat it
- Do You Really Understand Communism?
- Deadly Duel
- 10-64 LEB Introduction
- One Nation's Response to Communism
- DFC:pjp (3)

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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March 11, 1965

[REDACTED] b7(c)  
Newport News, Va.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

As I have always admired you for being one of America's most honest and Freedom loving men of our time. I just decided to write and ask you if you could send me some Literature on Communism and also if you have anything, books or pamphlets about "Martin Luther King" Jr. ?

I sure would appreciate anything you could send me. Because I think it is time American's started trying to get informed about Communism before it is too late. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Newport News, Va

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Director, F.B.I.  
Washington, D. C.

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